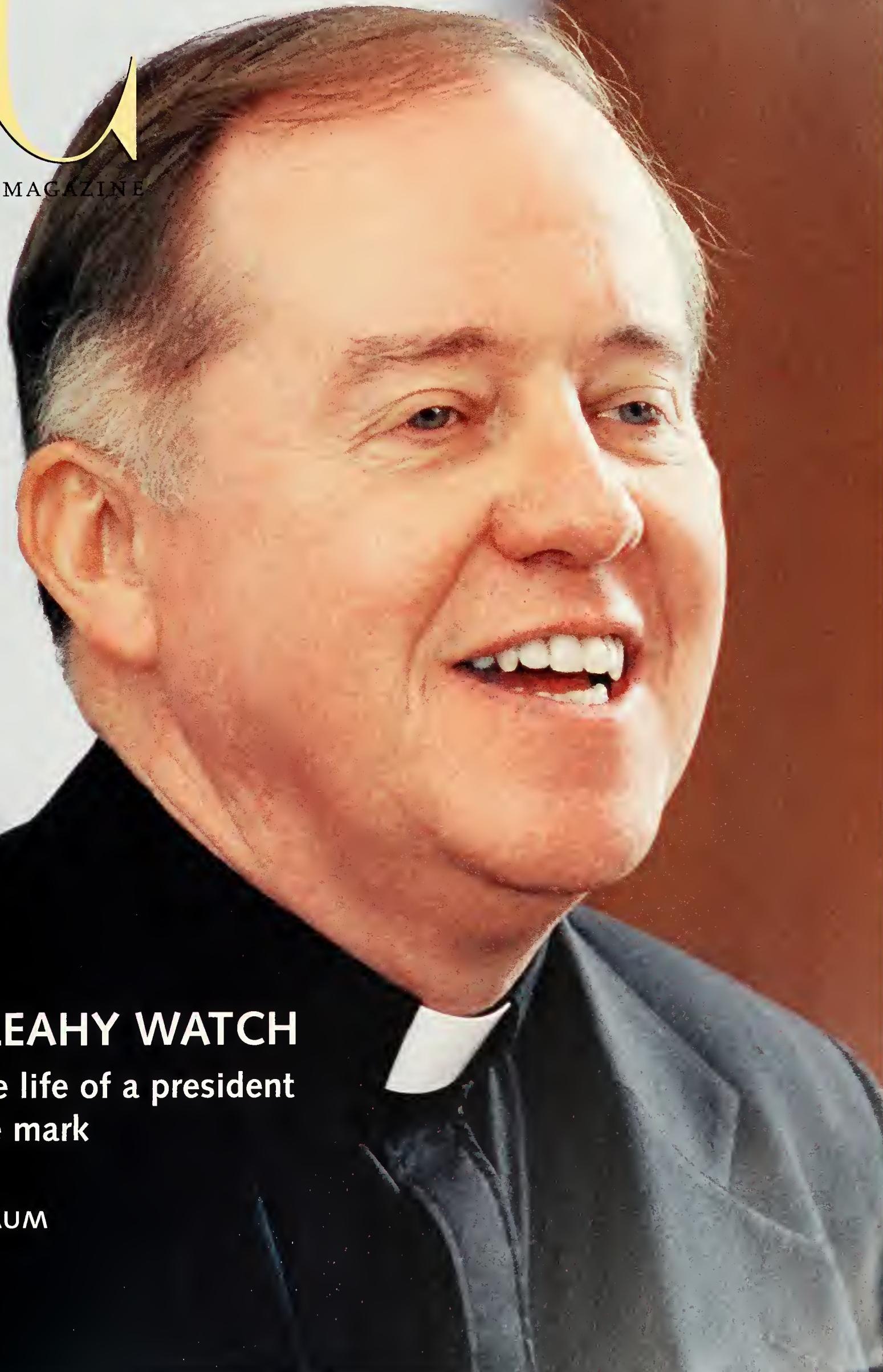


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ON THE LEAHY WATCH

A week in the life of a president
at the decade mark

BY BEN BIRNBAUM

PROLOGUE

RESTRAINTS OF TRADE

PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON Education, a Washington-based lobbying group representing colleges and universities, the magazine called *Presidency* aspires to serve college presidents as *Hay & Forage Grower* and *Kosher Today* serve other trades, offering up issue backgrounder, how-I-did-it stories, and advertisements by consultants, conference sponsors, and manufacturers of registration systems and bookstores.

While hardly the lodestar by which college presidents set a daily course (the magazine appears three times a year and is a mere 44 pages slim, on average), *Presidency* does cast enough light to illuminate the worries that besiege college presidents in their beds at 3 a.m. Recent editions, for example, featured articles by presidents or their advisors on gaining moral authority, the decline in federal research funding, the charge that American campuses don't support "intellectual pluralism," and the importance of exuding hope in public settings. Should hope, however well exuded, prove groundless, another article presents a primer on how to resign "with grace."

That's what can be read. Anyone attentive to the conversation, however, will also pick up a recurring undertone, a yearning for a lost age when a college president was not a CEO mired in spreadsheets, government directives, and teams of brand managers, but a great man or woman on campus and abroad. This melancholy theme is sometimes played pianissimo, as in the apologetic headline "The Presidency as Journey (Not Destination)," and sometimes fortissimo: "Why have college presidents lost some of the stature and influence they once enjoyed?" (The author's answer is that they have abandoned the shamanic role of "story-teller.") And sometimes the distress surfaces as a full-throated cri de cœur, as when a successful college president asks in the middle of yet another vision quest story ("Redefining Presidential Leadership in the 21st Century"): "Does the [college] presidency still include academic and intellectual leadership?"

The question may seem rhetorical, but it's real, and the answer most frequently offered by those who claim to know the answer is *not necessarily*. According to the accepted rise-and-fall historiography, in the beginning were 18th-century clerics such as Dartmouth's founder Eleazar Wheelock, who taught and preached at a few hundred souls each year. ("Eleazar was the faculty and the whole curriculum / Was 500 gallons of New England rum," went a Dartmouth drinking song.) The next distinctive generation was that of the

saintly teacher-presidents of the mid-19th century, of whom Mark Hopkins, of Williams College (1836–72), was the epitome, memorialized in President James Garfield's maxim: "The ideal college is Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other."

And then came the Golden Age: Charles Eliot at Harvard (1869–1909), who invented "the university" and characterized faculty as a "ruminating animal" and kept his job; Andrew Dickson White, who founded Cornell and high-end coeducation (1868–85); James B. Angell, who invented great public universities at Michigan (1871–1909); William Rainey Harper, who invented summer school, bold deficit spending, and the University of Chicago (1891–1906); Booker T. Washington, who founded the Tuskegee Institute (1881–1915); and Martha Carey Thomas, who devised the modern women's college at Bryn Mawr (1894–1922).

The next generation—which ruled between the world wars—did feature some remarkable individuals, but the trend was downward, experts agree, and has continued apace into our time, bringing into being the Prufrockian spirit of *Presidency*: "politic, cautious, meticulous." And who can fault that? For by contrast with Hopkins, who stipulated that he'd lead Williams only on condition he would not be required to ask anyone for money, today's presidents are not only expected to ask for the stuff but to collect it in ever increasing amounts; and at the same time see to it that the endowment outruns the S&P Index, that report cards from Moody's and the editors of *US News & World Report* show improvement, and that noteworthy advances in staff diversity, technology licensing, and in the talents and happiness of students, faculty, and alumni proceed at a faster pace than is occurring in "competing" institutions. Yes, intellectual leadership would be nice as well, but not so strongly expressed as to draw critics who write op-ed pieces, work on Wall Street, or are considering enrolling their children.

Of his decision to accept the presidency of Columbia in 1948, Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote, "I thought that while doing something useful I would still be in a position to relax a bit." Later, the man who'd spent three years leading Allied invasions of North Africa and Europe described the first months of his Ivy League presidency as "a confusing, not to say almost nerve-wearing kind of living." After two years, he went off to recover by commanding NATO.

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—BEN BIRNBAUM

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LETTERS

HISTORY LESSONS

“City Lights” (Spring 2006) brought back many fond memories of hours I fortunately spent in Thomas H. O’Connor’s class. Professor O’Connor obtained permission for me to use one of BC’s “shares” at the Boston Athenaeum. Thanks to him, I spent many a cold and bleak winter’s afternoon lost in the Athenaeum’s stacks, discovering the wealth of ideas of Boston’s social and intellectual elite in the early 1800s.

*Peter K. Murphy ’59**Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco***LAWYER’S DUTY**

Re “Staying Here” (Spring 2006), by Cara Feinberg: Too many immigration clinics shun cases involving criminal aliens to focus only on more sympathetic asylum cases. The BC clinic is teaching students that among a lawyer’s highest duties is to represent the unpopular and to represent them well. Congratulations to Dan Kanstroomb and Mary Holper on running a top-notch clinic.

*Andres C. Benach ’94**Washington, D.C.***PUBLIC AND CATHOLIC**

Re Michael Molyneux’s “Faith, Hope, and Politics” (Spring 2006): To me, any discussion of faith, politics, and the Church is incomplete without a critique of free-market capitalism and how its inherent injustices are destroying democracy and suppressing spirituality. Global corporate capitalism directly counters the teachings of Christ.

*Stephen V. Riley ’56**Sarasota, Florida*

James Carville’s comment that “Jesus was so concerned about homosexuality that he uttered not one word on it” makes perfect sense coming from someone who delights in calling himself “the ultimate cafeteria Catholic.” One comes away with the impression that the “balancing act”

between being a good Catholic and a good Republican/Democrat/conservative/liberal boils down to being faithful only to the extent that the Church agrees with one’s own point of view.

We live with an extremist notion of separation of Church and state, as if faith were a threat to democracy, or rather to our materialistic, consumerist society.

*Paula Gavin ’81**Danbury, Connecticut***SCOREKEEPING**

Hats off to Al Skinner, head coach of the men’s basketball team, for a terrific season (“Advanced Hoops,” by Kevin Armstrong, Spring 2006). But, Coach, you deserve much better from the officials. A goaltending call to give the game to Villanova with less than five seconds to go in OT? And need I mention that in the two losses to Duke (by a total of four points), Duke went to the line twice as many times as BC?

*Arnie Sookram ’91**Seattle, Washington***GLASSES SLIP UP**

I enjoyed very much the article about biochemistry major Liz O’Day (“Liftoff,” by Jane Whitehead, Spring 2006). However, I was disappointed to see that in the photo taken in the laboratory, she was not wearing safety glasses—rather, she had placed them on top of her head. I know that safety glasses are not glamorous, but neither are injuries to the eyes.

*Joan E. Shields Ph.D.’66**Department of Chemistry**Long Island University*

Editor’s Note: The fault is ours. O’Day removed her glasses only very briefly, at the behest of BCM’s photographer.

POWER POINT

I found William Bole’s summary of the views of Stanley Hauerwas on interfaith

dialogue ("Can We Talk?" Spring 2006) intriguing until I read that "a decline in their worldly power has freed Christians to be Christian and so to talk . . . without seeming threatening to other believers." I would remind Bole and Dr. Hauerwas that, in the past five years, the world's most powerful born-again Christian has invaded two non-Christian countries and threatened two more. This is, in fact, a very bad time for Christians trying to portray themselves as a nonthreatening force in the world.

Francis J. Lynch '67
Edmonds, Washington

WIKIPEDIA OBLIGED

Granted, Wikipedia is not the most accurate source in the world. However, Paul Voosen's article ("Disambiguation," Winter 2006) is in itself an explanation of why this is so. The theory behind Wikipedia is that those who know the most about a topic have the responsibility to make sure that articles relating to it are accurate. From what I can tell, no attempt was made to correct any of the errors regarding Boston College. The price of withholding information is disinformation. This isn't a "play or go home" situation. The game is in all of our homes, and we have to be willing to cooperate to make the best of the situation.

Bill Przyhicki '07
Boston College

VETERANS' LIST

Please add my name to the list of those who served in Vietnam ("From BC to Vietnam," Spring 2006). I was on active duty from November 25, 1968, to September 1, 1971, and served with the First Marine Division in Vietnam. Please also add the name of my classmate, Christopher Markey. I went through training with Chris at Quantico. Chris tripped a booby-trapped hand grenade on December 31, 1969, south of Danang and died several days later. He was beloved by his troops and rightly so.

Ken Phalan '68, JD'74
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Joseph X. Grant, born March 28, 1940, was killed in action in Vietnam on January

13, 1966. He attended BC for two years, and was a member of the Class of 1961. Joe left for financial reasons and enlisted in the U.S. Army, eventually attending officer candidate school and rising to the rank of captain. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam. You can read the citation on the Medal of Honor website.

Tom Tierney '59
Arlington, Massachusetts

I graduated from the school of nursing and served as an Army nurse in Vietnam from February 1967 to March 1968.

Donna-Marie Boulay '66
Roseville, Minnesota

Editor's Note: Our thanks to the many readers who contributed names to the roster of Vietnam veterans. The full list may be viewed at www.bc.edu/vietnamvets. Names may be added by e-mailing bcm@bc.edu.

CARDINAL VIEWS

Thank you for publishing Cardinal Avery Dulles's "Catholicism 101" (Winter 2006). His call for a renewal of our faith resonated in my heart.

Raychel (Brown) Namiotka '92
Poulsbo, Washington

Every Catholic college and university should take the steps necessary to implement Cardinal Dulles's blueprint for teach-

ing undergraduate theology, so that our faith will be handed on and to prepare our students to stand up to the relativism of the day. By doing so these institutions will once again distinguish themselves from the agnostic mainstream colleges and become beacons of light in a world bereft of vision and longing for direction.

John B. Corbally MA '94
Atlanta, Georgia

Correction: In "Staying Here" (Spring 2006), it was stated that Tetee K was initially housed on immigration charges in the Bristol County Jail in Rhode Island. She in fact was held in the Bristol County House of Correction in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

Editor's Note: Common Life, a collection of poetry by Robert Cording, Ph.D.'77, has been published by CavanKerry Press. Two poems, "Ears of the Heart" and "Married Love," first appeared in BCM. The book may be ordered at a discount from the BC Bookstore via www.bc.edu/bcm.

Also, Maile Flanagan '87, who was the subject of "In Toon," by Suzanne Mautell (Fall 2004), recently received an Emmy Award for "outstanding performer in an animated program." Flanagan supplies the lead voice in *Jakers! The Adventures of Piggley Winks*.

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And the winner is . . .

Readers of BCM's Fall 2005 issue were invited to submit captions for a cartoon drawn by Jeremy Yuenger '99. Yuenger's comic strip *Leave, Freeze, or Die* appears every Tuesday on NewHampshire.com, an affiliate of the *Union Leader* newspaper (see "Viewfinder," by Cara Feinberg, Fall 2005). Thomas S. Rea '98, an assistant U.S. attorney in St. Louis, sent the winning entry and received the \$100 prize.

"Mom? Dad? Parents' Weekend ended three days ago . . . and who the hell is the rabbit?"



Linden Lane

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CAMPUS DIGEST

Joseph Quinn, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences since 1999, announced that he will return to the economics department in May 2007. Quinn, 59, said he was timing his return to teaching and research so as to allow the University to hire his successor before it begins to implement the strategic academic plan currently in development. ☑ Associate Professor of History Seth Jacobs was named the Phi Beta Kappa "teacher of the year" by the Boston College chapter. Jacobs, who has been on the Heights for five years, is said to be the most junior faculty member ever to win the award. Among the more hyperbolic student claims about his qualities was "Seth Jacobs walks on water." ☑ Brian Steinberg, a chemistry doctoral student in Professor Lawrence Scott's laboratory, constructed the world's largest open geodesic polyarene, a carbon-based molecule that does not appear in nature. Steinberg's record-setting creation, known as tetraindenocorannulene or C₄₄H₁₈, is distinguished for the number of its carbon atoms. Another of Scott's students assembled the previous geodesic polyarene record holder. ☑ The housing selection lottery went digital this spring, eliminating the need for prospective suite-mates to send their most intellectually agile members to the Vanderslice Cabaret Room to hear their numbers called and negotiate amended living arrangement deals at high speed. ☑ President Leahy was named one of the "top 100 Irish Americans" of 2006 by *Irish America* magazine. ☑ Boston

College was one of six Division IA universities with a football graduation rate exceeding 90 percent in 2006. The others were Duke, Northwestern, Notre Dame, SMU, and Southern Mississippi. ☑ A Boston College student who jumped into the Boston Marathon near BC's main gate to accompany a plainly exhausted runner to just short of the finish line turned out to be freshman Joseph Turnage, a former high school distance runner from Dallas. The marathoner, Kim Aarden, 38, of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, found the young man she had known as "Joe" by making inquiries with the help of the Office of Public Affairs and the *Heights*. ☑ Some 1,500 alumni, representing 17 chapters nationwide, took part in the first National Day of Service sponsored by the Alumni Association. ☑ Boston College has set new records for the number of research grants and dollars won by faculty and staff this year: a total of 358 awards worth \$44.4 million. The previous best year was 2004, when 328 projects brought in \$42.2 million. ☑ Secretary Rice may have received the lion's share of publicity (story page 11), but three others did receive honorary degrees from Boston College this year: Kenneth Hackett '68, president of Catholic Relief Services; Pierre Imbert, director of the Commonwealth's Office for Refugees and Immigrants; and Elizabeth White, RSCJ, a founder of Newton College of the Sacred Heart, which was sited on the Newton Campus from 1946 until 1974,



GROUP 36—On June 19, members of the Class of 2010 posed with their Summer Orientation leader, Christian Cho '07 (holding sign), outside of Devlin Hall on O'Neill Plaza. The Office of First Year Experience ran seven of the three-day sessions for the 2,250-strong class. During each session, incoming freshmen were divided into groups (Cho's was group 36 of 36 that week), lived in the dorms, registered for classes, toured the Newton Campus, met academic advisors, watched presentations on student life at Boston College, and attended their first college dance, in the Rec Plex.

when the women's college merged with Boston College. **X** News stories about the scholarship of BC faculty and students appeared in more than 1,000 major-market journals and broadcasts, with a combined audience of more than 300 million, according to Office of Public Affairs estimates. The subjects ranged across campaign finance reform, Foucault's travel habits, and the light-emitting properties of gold particles. **X** The 25 megabytes of storage capacity allotted to WebMail student accounts was increased to 200 megabytes, earning a *Heights* "thumbs up." **X** Brooke Queenan '06 was drafted by the New York Liberty at number 23 in the WNBA draft—the highest basketball draft selection to date for a Boston College woman.

Only five BC men have been drafted higher in the NBA draft since it was instituted in 1947. **X** John Feudo '82, who recently directed alumni programs at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and at the University of Connecticut, was named to head the Boston College Alumni Association. **X** The sticker price of a year at Boston College rose by \$1,958, to \$44,226, including tuition, room, board, and fees. As always, institutional financial aid was budgeted to increase at the same rate as the price. **X** Moakley Professor Kay Schlozman, a scholar of political activism, was named cowinner of the American Political Science Association's highest award for distinguished service to the profession. Schlozman shares the

Goodnow Award with Norman Ornstein, of the American Enterprise Institute, and John A. Garcia, of the University of Arizona. **X** Because security for Secretary Rice's commencement appearance required that students pass through metal detectors before entering Alumni Field, the undergraduate band that usually plays about 45 unbroken minutes worth of "Pomp and Circumstance" and "Die Meistersinger" was this year required to carry its two tunes for twice that length of time. "I don't know if it's a record, but if it is, it isn't one we want to break," said Director of Bands Sebastian Bonaiuto. *Ben Birnbaum*

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Rotella in his study, with daughters. "It's okay to get a thin envelope."

Prize writer

by Michael Molyneux

Guggenheim recipient Rotella considers the musical turn of mind

The Fender Telecaster, its color classified as orange sunburst, is a diversion and also an inspiration. The guitar stands next to the desk where Carlo Rotella does his writing, at home, on a quiet street near campus. Rotella, a professor of English and director of the American studies program at BC, has had three books published; the one he is working on now is about the place of music in the lives of people who play, and the writing will be supported by a Guggenheim Fellowship.

"This is a gift of a kind I haven't gotten before," said Rotella, who learned in April that he was one of 187 U.S. and Canadian artists, scholars, and scientists selected for the fellowship, from nearly 3,000 applicants. "They sent a thin envelope," Rotella recalled. "It's okay to get a thin envelope."

The fellowships have been awarded since 1925 by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, in consultation with

outside scholars, to applicants who have "demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts," according to the foundation. In 2006 the awards averaged \$40,107. Starting September 1, Boston College will free Rotella from his academic responsibilities for a year and pay him the difference between the Guggenheim grant and his regular salary.

Rotella, 41, is a native of Chicago and earned his Ph.D. at Yale University. He reflected on his award the other day a few feet from that guitar in the sunny second-floor study he shares with his wife, Christina Klein, an associate professor of English at BC. Their two young daughters played nearby.

A prolific and versatile writer, Rotella had just finished some fact-checking for an article on a Mattapan minister for *Boston* magazine. Next would come a profile of a

boxer for the *New York Times Magazine* and a piece on a quotation book editor for the *Yale Alumuni Magazine*. He was clearing the decks for the next book, working title "Playing in Time: A Suite of Musical Lives." Rotella is writing about musicians—ranging from professional to dabbler—who pursue their music within some kind of constraint. At one point, Rotella wrote in a prospectus for the book, he had assumed that music was "the freest and purest of the arts, the least constrained by circumstance." But his research has convinced him that "for both amateurs and professionals, the meaning of music derives in great part from the limitations placed on music-making—by everything from one's parents' expectations to the need to earn a living to the aptitudes and failings of the body and mind." Rotella doesn't have a publisher yet; with books, he prefers to write first and then decide whether the market is general or academic. His previous books include *Good with Their Hands: Boxers, Bluesmen, and Other Characters from the Rust Belt* (U. California, 2002) and *Cut Time: An Education at the Fights* (Houghton Mifflin, 2003).

The new book took root with a piece he wrote for the *Washington Post Magazine* in the summer of 2002 on a jazz fantasy camp, where the participants get to indulge "their secret life" one week a year.

(Campers were taught: "The music you want to play is inside the music you play now. The way you get to it is by stripping notes, not adding more.") Rotella is planning a chapter on a blues singer and guitarist who is known for his inconsistent performances and has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. The book will also recount the diverging paths of members of a rock band formed at Harvard in the 1980s, the challenges faced by two female blues "guitar heroes," and the stereotype of the cello-playing high school valedictorian.

Rotella allows that he is no virtuoso on the guitar, though in graduate school he played in "one of the few bands that broke up because the lead guitar player didn't get tenure." Nowadays, he will pick up the Fender every couple of hours, "when I'm working or reading, and just play." ■

Michael Molyneux is a freelance writer based in Sharon, Massachusetts.

Those golden years?

by Jane Whitehead

Study finds Americans 34 to 60 are blundering toward retirement

Think of a number: your income as you approach retirement. Now think of another number: your post-retirement income. How big is the gap?

For many American workers, the answer will be "too big." According to the National Retirement Risk Index, launched on June 6 by the Center for Retirement Research (CRR) at Boston College, 43 percent of all working-age households in the United States risk being unable to keep up their preretirement living standard once they retire. The prospects are most grim for the youngest households studied (those headed by workers now age 34–41), for people in the bottom third of the income distribution (with median earnings of \$18,000), and for those with no pension of any kind (just under half of all private-sector workers).

In a fast-changing retirement landscape characterized by lengthening life spans, a rising Social Security Normal Retirement Age, dwindling traditional pensions, inadequate 401(k) balances, and abysmal savings rates, the index is designed to take stock at regular intervals of Americans' preparedness for retirement in light of the likely harsher environment that will greet them when the day comes. "It's hard to get people to see that problems are coming when they look around and see today's retirees doing fine," said CRR Director Alicia Munnell in an interview. As a strong proponent of social insurance, and as an economist who has helped shape the national debate on retirement security for over two decades, in books from *The Future of Social Security* (1977) to *Coming Up Short: The Challenge of 401(k) Plans* (with Annika Sundén, 2004), Munnell sees an urgent need to focus Americans' attention on the issues that undermine their preparedness for retirement.

"Nobody—individuals, government,

business—can take action until they acknowledge that there's a problem. The whole point of the index is to say, look, there's a problem," said Munnell, who is the Peter F. Drucker Professor in Management Sciences at the Carroll School of Management. The 30-page report is the fruit of a year's intensive data analysis by Munnell and coauthors CRR Research Economist Anthony Webb and Research Associate Luke Delorme '04, underwritten by the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.

Based in part on information from the Federal Reserve Board's 2004 Survey of Consumer Finances, a study of 4,500 households, the index predicts the fortunes of three cohorts of workers: Early Boomers (born 1946–54), Late Boomers (born 1955–64), and Generation Xers (born 1965–72). Each age group is further divided into three income levels, the top third with median annual earnings of

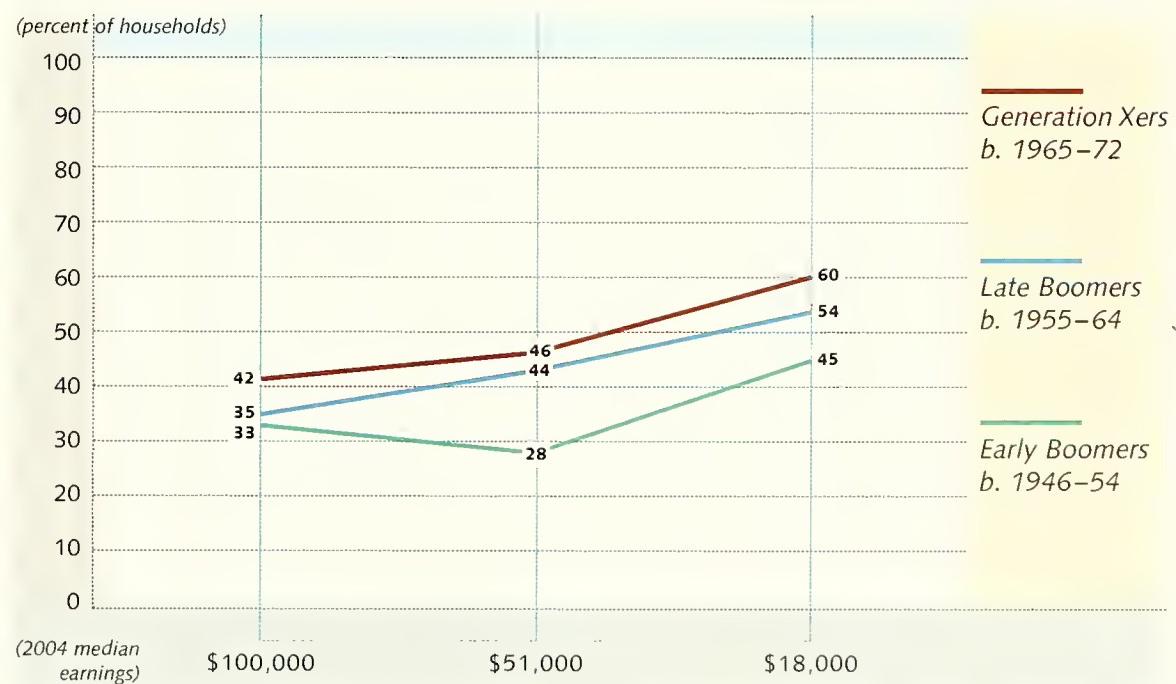
\$100,000, the middle with \$51,000, and the bottom with \$18,000.

For each group, the index calculates how much income households can expect in retirement, relative to their preretirement income. This "replacement rate" is then compared to a target rate that would enable a household to maintain its pre-retirement standard of living. Target incomes for all types of households are lower than income at retirement, owing to lower post-retirement rates of taxation and because retirees no longer need make Social Security contributions or otherwise accumulate retirement savings. However, the definition of an adequate level of replacement varies according to the nature of the household. Low-income households need the highest replacement rate, 81 percent. For those in the top income tier, the rate is 67 percent. The target replacement rate for American households overall is 73 percent of preretirement income.

Households that fall more than 10 percent short of their target rate are considered to be "at risk," and the consequences of being "at risk" worsen as income levels decline. "For the lower third, being at risk really means that you may not be able to afford all the necessities of life," said Munnell. For the middle third, it may mean "feeling strapped and worried about money all the time," and even those in the upper third will feel pinched.

AT RISK AT 65

Growth in U.S. households where living standards will decline with retirement



The index's overall figure of 43 percent of households at risk conceals some important differences among the groups. For instance, it seems clear that people retiring in the near future have been all along on a more positive financial trajectory than those who will retire 30 or, in most cases, even 15 years from now. Economists have suggested this for years, said Munnell, because of certain historical advantages enjoyed by the Early Boomers that are not likely to endure or recur (including a relatively low Normal Retirement Age for Social Security of 66; more employee benefit plans with annuities linked to years of service and salary; relatively high yields on investments; and relatively low costs for medical care). But even in the oldest and most prosperous subgroup, those Early Boomers in the top income bracket, one-third are estimated to be at risk of at least a "difficult adjustment," come retirement. Among the youngest and poorest of the groups studied, the Generation Xers in the bottom income tier, an estimated 60 percent will encounter real hardship.

IF THIS PICTURE SEEMS BLEAK ENOUGH, the reality may be worse, said Munnell. The index is based on assumptions that reflect an optimistic scenario in which Americans retire at 65, take full advantage of their assets by purchasing inflation-indexed annuities, and tap their housing equity by means of reverse mortgages. In reality, most Americans retire before 65, and fail to annuitize their assets. When the study's assumptions are keyed more closely to actual behavior, the share of overall households falling into the "at risk" category climbs dramatically—to 66 percent of all Americans entering retirement over the next 30 or so years.

Munnell, who served on the President's Council of Economic Advisors under Clinton, said that she and her coauthors chose to build their main case on the more upbeat figures because they were concerned that the index might otherwise be viewed as a "'Chicken Little, sky is falling' type of publication." "If you make the problem too horrendous, people will shy away from it altogether," she said. Her goal is to alert people to the steps they can take now to substantially improve their retire-

ment security. For the cohort of younger workers, for instance, the index shows that saving an additional 3 percent from each paycheck will lower the number of young households at risk by 11 percentage points, from 49 percent to 38 percent. If all workers were to push retirement back from age 65 to 67, the benefit would be similar, a drop from 43 percent at risk to 32 percent. Noting that almost 60 percent of people retire at the age of 62, the earliest that Social Security benefits are available, Munnell said: "Some people have horrible jobs, and they're exhausted, and they need the money. But a lot of people do it just because the money's there. And that means they're taking actuarially reduced benefits that may look fine at 62, but they're not looking ahead to how dependent they're going to be on those benefits in their seventies and eighties."

As a first attempt at constructing a

comprehensive, nationally representative measure of retirement preparedness, said Munnell, the strength of the index is not that it uncovers "a whole lot of new things, but that it summarizes in an easily accessible form what we know." *The Wall Street Journal* covered the index extensively on its launch day, and in the week that followed, the CRR staff was scheduling back-to-back interviews with journalists from news outlets ranging from CNN to *USA Today*.

The index will be updated at six-month intervals. This will help keep retirement issues in the spotlight, Munnell said, and will allow researchers and the public to track Americans' progress—or slippage—on the course toward security in old age. ■

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More ACC all-stars

Seven Boston College undergraduates traveled to Clemson University on April 23 for an Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) event that brought students together not as athletic rivals, but academic colleagues.

The first annual "**Meeting of the Minds**," a showcase for undergraduate research and scholarship, drew nearly 150 students from the league's 12 member schools. Participants presented their work in poster sessions, lectures, live performances, and exhibitions. The aim of the three-day event was to promote intercollegiate conversation and collaboration and foster graduate student recruiting within the ACC, according to Donald Hafner, a professor of political science who, as director of the University Fellowships Committee, selected BC's student participants. The conference included faculty talks on the undergraduate research programs of member schools and a graduate school information session for students.

Representing Boston College were Emily Cersonsky '07 (English and philosophy), William Hillmann '06 (biochemistry), Mark Irvine '06 (international studies), Rebecca Kraus '07 (English), Tiernan Mulrooney '06 (biology), Emily Neumeier '08 (art history), and Richard Paul '07 (environmental geosciences). Among their topics: deterrence and incentive strategies in counterterrorism; Don Quixote and "the problem of making lies real"; and "efforts toward the structural characterization of LnmQ, a novel adenylation domain." Richard Paul spoke on the roots of the Orisa songs of Trinidad and the research he undertook in the country of Benin, West Africa—wearing a colorful traditional African two-piece suit and singing his examples. It was "definitely one of the most memorable talks," said Neumeier, who had presented her research on a centuries-old Islamic manuscript, the Blue Koran, earlier that day.

Next year's conference will take place at the University of Virginia.

Cara Feinberg



Tiernan Mulrooney '06, presenting



Poehler: "I copied what people I loved did."

Weekend update

by Paul Voosen

Comedian Amy Poehler '93 at the Boston College Arts Festival

The 10 members of My Mother's Fleabag, BC's 26-year-old student improv comedy troupe, were in the main hall of O'Connell House on upper campus, distractedly rehearsing a campaign debate (pirates were involved) on a sunny Friday afternoon in late April, when one actor glanced out the window and hissed, "She's here!" There was a quick agreement to keep rehearsing, and as they did, Amy Poehler '93, a Fleabag veteran, *Saturday Night Live* star, and the recipient of this year's Arts Council Alumni Award, walked through the door. A clamor of introductions followed, and then the Fleabaggers and Poehler closed themselves off in a side room for 90 minutes to prepare for two performances scheduled the following night, on the last day of the University's eighth annual Arts Festival.

Poehler has been a cast member of *SNL*, the long-running sketch comedy show on

NBC, since 2001. She has also appeared in several films, including 2004's *Mean Girls*, and for two seasons was a guest star on the critically lauded TV comedy *Arrested Development*, playing the wife of her real-life husband, the actor Will Arnett, who accompanied Poehler on campus throughout her two days of activities. These included a public "Inside the BC Studio" interview, more rehearsals, autograph signing, an awards banquet, media sessions, after-parties, and a reunion. Tickets—more than a thousand of them—to the back-to-back Fleabag performances under a big top on O'Neill Plaza sold out quickly.

The Fleabag actors, five women and five men, provided an entourage as Poehler walked to Devlin Hall to meet with the local press, her face hidden behind a pair of Jackie O. sunglasses and framed by tousled blonde hair. Told about the larger-than-life-size posters of herself plastered

about campus, Poehler was aghast as Arnett laughed, then assured her, "It's a good picture." While Poehler took 15 minutes for a wardrobe change, Laura Raposa of the *Boston Herald* and a photographer waited in a first-floor conference room; Joe Kahn of the *Boston Globe* arrived later. (Poehler, Kahn would report, told him, "Please describe me as a complicated brunette.") The next night Poehler would be graceful in her acceptance speech at an alumni dinner in the basement dining facility of Lyons Hall—reappointed as a French bistro—thanking University President William P. Leahy, SJ, for her award plaque, a "beautiful cheese plate."

WHILE POEHLER WAS MEETING WITH reporters, students began to line up in Devlin's main hallway for "Inside the BC Studio." By 4:00 the line snaked from the entrance of the basement lecture hall, up the stairs, and down the length of the first floor.

Poehler's "Inside" interview was conducted by Luke Jorgensen '91, a member of BC's theater faculty who as a student auditioned for Fleabag (he didn't make it, but—last laugh—he's now the group's faculty advisor). On a cue from Jorgensen, the program began with a surprise: Ten Fleabag alumni and friends of Poehler's from her student days poured in from the hallway, all dressed in custom white Fleabag softball shirts with red sleeves. Poehler responded with hugs and a few asides to the audience: "I dated all these people!" And, "This is a nightmare."

Wry and even-keeled during the day's quiet moments, Poehler calls herself "a junkie for live performance," and from the interview's start she crackled with a frenetic humor. Between jokes and reminiscences about early-nineties campus life (Fleabaggers pooling money to buy a steak at the Ground Round, or eating in the Golden Lantern, a "fancy" dining hall formerly located in Walsh Hall), Poehler emphasized the live nature of her work on *SNL*—which averages 6.5 million viewers a week. "As the show goes on it collapses," she said, meaning that you could be backstage "dressed as a slice of pizza," only to find out, "We're not doing the pizza sketch." She noted that her profile has risen since the fall of 2004, when she

became coanchor, with Tina Fey, of *SNL*'s weekly news spoof, "Weekend Update": "The difference on 'Update' is that you say your name."

Poehler spoke about her career in improv, which she pursued after college in Chicago. She admitted that "I copied what people I loved did," acting and directing under the late Del Close of Second City, whose other disciples have included Gilda Radner, Bill Murray, and John Belushi. While in Chicago, Poehler joined three other comedians in the improv group Upright Citizens Brigade, and after a move to New York, they opened their own successful theater in 1999. (Poehler noted that she "waited tables for 10 years" to support her comedic strivings.) The Brigade specializes in long-form improv (as opposed to the short takes of *Fleabag*), a form Poehler studied in Chicago that involves scenes "played very real," with elaborate "connections and callbacks and reoccurring themes," like the variations old friends spin off an inside joke. The form is called the Harold, and according to Poehler, *Arrested Development*, although tightly scripted, exemplified its structure. At interview's end, she encouraged students to stop by the Brigade's theaters in New York or L.A., to take in the craft for themselves.

There were follow-up questions for Poehler, from the students and Jorgensen: Does she get recognized on the street? "People think I'm [fellow *SNL* cast member] Rachel Dratch." What character would she have been at this year's BC-sponsored, *SNL*-themed Middlemarch Ball? "Frozen Caveman Lawyer." Any resistance facing a woman in comedy, in what has been a male-dominated field? "Those barriers were broken down before me. . . . I've never felt anything but genderless support." How do you generate character ideas? "[Put] some wigs on, look in the mirror. I promise you, you'll have five bad characters." Future plans? She's producing and providing the main voice for a new Nickelodeon cartoon, *Super Scout*, based on a Brigade character. It's about a Girl Scout "who skateboards through San Francisco solving crimes. . . . I wanted to do a show for girls where they're not mean to each other [and] they're not boy crazy." She and Arnett will also be together in two

upcoming films, the indie *On Broadway* (see page 14) and *Blades of Glory*, with Will Ferrell. Any last words? "Feel free to deface the 10-foot posters around campus."

After the interview, Poehler signed autographs and posed for cell-phone pictures with students as her parents, William and Eileen Poehler, of Massachusetts, looked on. An enterprising student unrolled one of Poehler's posters on the table in front of her, and she happily defaced it with a mustache; a female student entrusted Poehler with a folded fan letter she said was meant for one of

Saturday Night Live's new cast members.

As an exhausted Poehler, friends, and family walked through the twilight to a closed reception in Burns Library, William Poehler, who frequents the campus for football and basketball games, was contemplative at the head of the pack. Stressing his pride in both his children—his son Greg is a '96 BC graduate—he said of the day's large and exuberant crowds, "It's mind-blowing. They're all here to see Amy." ■

Readers can view one of Poehler's Saturday night performances with *My Mother's Fleabag*, as well as her "Inside the BC Studio" interview, at the *BCM* website, www.bc.edu/bcm.

Growth chart

Boston College's new provost, Cutberto Garza, had a major role in setting the new international standards for growth in children from infancy to age five introduced in April by the World Health Organization (WHO), an agency of the United Nations.

Garza was chairman of the \$10 million Multicentre Growth Reference Study (MGRS), involving 300 researchers in six countries, that yielded the new standards. Some 8,500 children were studied in all, from birth to age five, in Brazil, Ghana, India, Norway, Oman, and the United States (Davis, California, was the American site). The conclusion, according to the WHO report, was that "differences in children's growth to age five are more influenced by nutrition, feeding practices, environment, and health care than genetics or ethnicity."

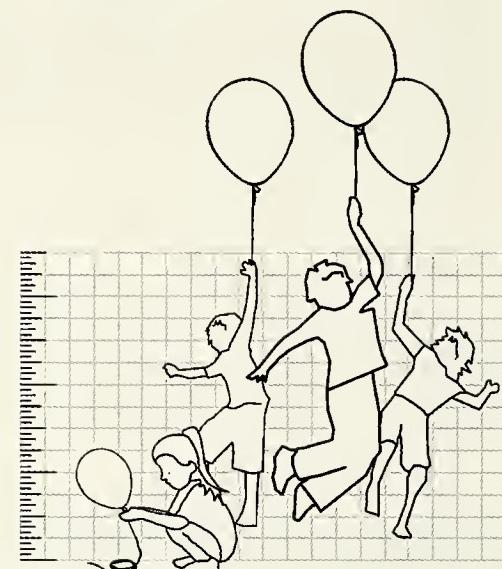
Replacing standards established in 1977, the new benchmarks have a big difference: They make the breast-fed baby the norm. They received the endorsement of the National Childbirth Trust in Great Britain, which noted that "formula fed babies put on weight more rapidly than breast-fed babies after the first few months," causing "unnecessary concern" among breastfeeding parents. "These new growth standards should help ensure more babies benefit from breast milk for longer," the trust concluded.

Asked whether infant formula manufacturers might request a parallel set of standards, Garza said, "It would be a difficult position to defend," and cited the disparity among such products in the world marketplace. Garza directed a WHO working group that studied the old growth standards in the early 1990s. Data collection for the MGRS began in 1997 and concluded in 2003.

Garza, who is known as Bert, became BC's provost in June after joining the University as academic vice president last November. He was previously a professor of nutritional sciences and vice provost at Cornell University, and he holds an MD from Baylor College of Medicine and a Ph.D. in nutrition and food science from MIT. Now that he is a full-time administrator, he said, "I don't envision myself ever starting another study of that magnitude." Garza spent three weeks in Geneva this past spring seeing the WHO report to completion.

Reaction to the standards "has been very good internationally," Garza said in June. "A number of countries are reviewing them for adoption," he noted, and the International Pediatric Association has publicly endorsed the norms to its member societies in 141 countries. A statistician's delight, the standards, with myriad charts and tables, can be found at <http://www.who.int/childgrowth/en/>.

Michael Molyneux





Alumni Stadium, May 22: Secretary Rice (top) and faculty objectors (standing, behind graduates)

A civil discourse

by David Reich

Tight security and temperate protest marked the 130th commencement

Commencement day, Monday, May 22, dawned cool and cloudy, but by midmorning the sky had cleared, and hawkers were selling five-dollar bunches of roses in front of St. Ignatius Church. Inside Alumni Stadium, wind whipped the

maroon and gold flags and made low booming sounds as it blew across an open mike on the as-yet-unoccupied dais. Suddenly, at 10:15, a white single-engine plane appeared in the sky and did a lazy turn above the stadium, towing a sign

that read "Your War Brings Dishonor."

After weeks of controversy that had spilled beyond campus into the national media, few in the stadium likely wondered whom the banner was addressing. Presumably the flyover had been timed to coincide with the arrival of the commencement speaker, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, but the ceremony was running well behind schedule owing to tight security, and Rice, along with most graduates, was nowhere to be seen. Before they could step onto the artificial playing surface, graduates and faculty were required to file through metal detectors manned by security guards from the State Department. Any bags were submitted to the scrutiny of a sniffer dog that, between examinations, chewed serenely on a plastic ball. In addition, according to BC's Jim Lehane, executive assistant to the president, bomb squad police were in attendance should any explosives need defusing; sharpshooters had taken up positions at high points in the stadium; and security officers wearing academic robes accompanied Rice when she finally marched onto the field.

Even so, the graduates seemed happy and relaxed once they made it inside. Standing among the folding chairs that covered half the football field, while waiting for the ceremony to begin they adjusted their mortarboards and gowns, made visual or cell-phone contact with family in the stands, and chatted in the bright sun with reporters from Reuters, the *Boston Globe*, and local TV and radio stations concerning their feelings about Rice, the Iraq War, and plans by some students and faculty to engage in protest during the conferral of an honorary doctorate of laws on the secretary.

THE WRANGLING OVER RICE'S COMMENCEMENT appearance had begun late in April, with a petition signed by 22 percent of BC's 679 full-time tenure-track faculty. Authored by theology professors David Hollenbach, SJ, and Kenneth Himes, OFM, it expressed the petitioners' unhappiness with BC's plans to honor Rice, pointing out that the secretary had "helped develop and implement the strategic policies that have guided" the Iraq War, a conflict opposed "on ethical grounds" by the U.S. Catholic bishops and John Paul II.

A few days later, students posted a similar petition on PetitionSite.com, followed within hours by a counterpetition on the same website posted by another group of students. Unlike the first student petition, the counterpetition avoided mention of the war, supporting the decision to honor Rice, who grew up in segregated Birmingham, Alabama, on the grounds that she "exemplifies the American Dream" and that inviting her would illustrate BC's "commitment to intellectual diversity."

The dueling petitions were followed on May 8 by a 20-speaker rally against the Rice invitation on O'Neill Plaza, attended by about 150 students, faculty, and staff. News of the rally and petitions made headlines in both Boston dailies, both Washington dailies ("Boston faculty chafes at Rice rave," needled a headline in the conservative *Washington Times*), the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and Reuters wire copy. Calling Rice a liar for statements she had made leading up to the war, Steve Almond, an adjunct English professor, resigned from the University in a *Boston Globe* op-ed that quickly circulated through the blogosphere with accompanying postings, both praiseful and sneering. Sociology professor Juliet Schor and political science professor Marc Landy debated the commencement honor on *Democracy Now*, a nationally syndicated radio and TV show. And Schor's department colleague Charles Derber appeared on Fox News' *O'Reilly Factor*, where he invoked Jesuit values of "peace and justice" and host Bill O'Reilly countered, without further elaboration, that "to diminish [Rice] by saying she's not worthy of a BC degree, I say to you, professor, is morally wrong."

COMING AT THE END OF WEEKS OF noisy and sometimes bombastic debate, the commencement protest was a sedate, not to say anticlimactic, affair. So, by and large, was the secretary's speech, which mentioned the Iraq War only once, in passing. When Rice stood to get her honorary degree, protesters, including about 50 scattered graduates and up to 200 faculty, stood silently and turned their backs; the faculty members had voluntarily taken chairs at one edge of the commencement gathering so that their protest wouldn't interfere with the view of graduates or their

guests. Many wore armbands reading "Not in My Name" and some held aloft small paper signs bearing the same slogan, a reference to the decision to honor Rice, said Reena Parikh '06, who opposed the invitation. "The letter [Rice] received said, 'The students and faculty cordially invite you,' but we never were consulted," Parikh said.

Another, louder protest took place outside the stadium—according to the *Globe*, it involved 200 students, alumni, and parents of military service members—but it was barely audible on the field.

Rice, who got her master's at the University of Notre Dame and is known to follow football, began with some well-received jokes about the BC-Notre Dame athletic rivalry. In the main part of the speech, she enumerated five "responsibilities of educated people": to find one's passion; to "[commit] to reason"; to reject false pride; to be optimistic; and to work for human progress. In the "reason" category, she told graduates, to some applause, "When you're absolutely sure that you are right, go find somebody who disagrees. Don't allow



Long lines at security checkpoints gave students already on the field time to reach out

yourself the easy course of the constant ‘Amen’ to everything that you say.”

In another applause line, she said, “Because individuals kept faith with the ideal of America, it seems that it was always inevitable that today there has been a decade since we last had a white male secretary of state.”

Under “optimism,” she admitted that in the face of “images of genocide in Darfur or violence in Iraq or destruction along our own Gulf Coast,” it was hard to believe in human progress, but she urged the graduates to “draw solace from education and also from historical perspective.”

In one of the few sections of the speech that could be read as political, Rice started by recalling her upbringing in the South, invoking images of abusive, racist sheriffs and the Ku Klux Klan. “I know how it feels to hold aspirations when half your neighbors think that you’re incapable or uninterested in anything higher,” she said. Then came words that some found rankling: “In my professional life, I’ve listened with disbelief as it was said that men and women in . . . the Middle East today did not share the basic aspirations of all human beings.”

“That’s the standard Bush position,” said David Hollenbach, the faculty petitioner, a day after commencement. “I don’t think anyone who disagrees with honoring Dr. Rice was disagreeing that Iraqis should have their human rights respected. The question is whether you accomplish that by going to war. The question is whether the well-being and human rights of people in Baghdad are in fact being secured in a situation that verges on anarchy today.”

Graduates’ reviews of Rice’s speech ranged from lukewarm to glowing, though it was hard to find any who would say they supported the war in Iraq or the Bush administration in general. The armband-wearing William Kozaites ’06 called the speech “all right,” but added, “I don’t trust what [Rice] says,” and Kitwa Ng ’06, who held up a sign during the silent protest, said, “I would have liked her speech coming from another person.” Eugene Watt ’06, who said he was “no fan of the Bush administration; in fact, I think it’s terrible,” nevertheless called Rice’s speech “one of the best . . . I’ve heard. She gave us some good motivational techniques and

quotes.” The silent protest, in his view, was “a little disrespectful. It’s a graduation, not a [World Trade Organization] conference.” Brooke Queenan ’06, who called the speech “really good,” said, “I didn’t protest because I wasn’t expecting [Rice] to speak about foreign policy.” And covering all bases, Akim St. Omer ’06, said Rice “did well” but also declared himself “impressed with the restraint of the protesters and of those who weren’t protesting. A few people were shouting [at the protesters], ‘Sit down, sit down!’ but overall, it went very well.”

Also satisfied with the commencement day protest, as well as the overall response to the decision to honor Rice, was David Hollenbach. “We didn’t all agree with one

another,” he said, but the protests and petitions fueled “more serious discussion of the war in Iraq than I’ve seen on this campus up to now, and probably more than has taken place on any campus.”

Jack Dunn, Boston College’s public affairs director, who had been charged with defending the Rice invitation in the media, sounded relieved the day after commencement, when he said, “Those faculty members who opposed Dr. Rice’s presence voiced their opinion. Dr. Rice was greeted with a rousing standing ovation.

. . . Students and families were pleased that Dr. Rice was present, and all in all, it was a great day for Boston College.” ■

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Garlands



Kelly McClure '06, an international studies major and French minor, was one of 14 seniors who received Fulbright fellowships this year. The Fulbrights, sponsored by the State Department, fund a year of graduate study or teaching abroad. McClure will enroll this fall at Sciences Po in Paris, France, following a summer internship at the United States embassy in Paris, supported by a Pamela Harriman Foreign Service Fellowship. The other Fulbright fellowship winners and their destinations: Teresa Behr (Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany); Sarah Byron (Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany); Sarah Carmody (Strasbourg, France); Matthew D’Orsi (Buenos Aires, Argentina); Laura Honsberger (Karlsruhe, Germany); Christopher Lauderdale (Munich, Germany); Ksenia Mankowska (St. Petersburg, Russia); Elayne McCabe (Jakarta, Indonesia); Mara Medina (Amman, Jordan); Justin Pine (Lisbon, Portugal); Shannon Reece (Guayaquil and Quito, Ecuador); Regina Scott (Yilan, Taiwan); and Amber Smith (Leipzig, Germany). The total matched a record for Fulbrights at BC previously set in 2002.



Nicholas Salter '07 of Denver, Colorado, has been awarded a Truman Scholarship, given to college juniors nationwide (75 this year) who have demonstrated leadership abilities and plan to pursue careers in public service. The scholarship program is the nation’s official memorial to President Harry S. Truman. Salter, an economics major and faith, peace, and justice minor who spent the past year studying at the London School of Economics, was cited by the government foundation for his work with Amnesty International, the Sierra Student Coalition, the American Friends Service Committee, and Oxfam America, and for his active involvement “in the ongoing campaign for equality for GLBT students, faculty, and staff” at Boston College. The \$30,000 scholarship will support Salter’s graduate work in development studies.



Anthony Nunziata '06, a communication major, earned a National Directing Fellowship at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, in Washington, D.C. (his direction of Harold Pinter’s *The Collection* last fall at BC’s Robsham Theater qualified him to compete for the award). In addition, Jamie Lee ’06, an economics and history major, garnered an undergraduate research award from the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, for his study of welfare reform.

Paul Voosen



On set, from left: John Bertolon, Meyer, McLaughlin, Smith, and Poehler

Boston baked

by Cara Feinberg

Coincidentally, a BC movie

The production crew of *On Broadway*, an independent feature film, has the task of concocting a rowdy night in the Skellig pub in Waltham, Massachusetts, one bright morning in May. They have 10 minutes between takes to transform the sunlit bar, a traditional Irish tavern on Moody Street, into a convincingly boisterous pub scene. Heavy black drapes are hoisted and hung over the inside of the windows and electricians snake wires around tables and barstools as crew members position open beer bottles and half-full cocktails on the bar. This is day 18 of a 20-day film shoot, and among the 200 or so people on the set, producer Kris Meyer '91, actor Amy Poehler '93, assistant director Greg Smith '95, and executive producers Henry and Donna Bertolon, whose son John will be a BC freshman this fall, all stand by, waiting for the director, Dave McLaughlin '95, to call the shots.

"Working on this project has been a lit-

tle bit like an inadvertent BC reunion," McLaughlin said in one of a series of speed interviews he gave between takes. Tall and lanky with black thick-framed glasses and a mop of strawberry-blond hair, he is kinetic between scenes, darting from his seat behind a portable monitor screen to talk with the actors on the set, spontaneously disco dancing with crew members to shake off energy. Donning earphones back at his seat, though, he is mostly business. He checks in by radio with the assistant directors and producers, then, without missing a beat, picks up the interview.

The son of Francis McLaughlin, a Boston College professor of economics, and one of the 11 children in his family to attend BC, McLaughlin has been writing stories about Boston since he was a child growing up in West Roxbury. The film *Southlie*, which he cowrote, won the American Independent Award at the 1998 Seattle International Film Festival. Its

story followed a South Boston Irish bad boy returning home to the neighborhood, and the cast included Donnie Wahlberg, Anne Meara, Will Arnett, and Amanda Peet. In 1997 McLaughlin wrote a play titled *God Willing*, about an Irish-American family in Boston dealing with a father's death. He produced it in the back room of the Burren Pub in Somerville, where it played for months to a sold-out house. The experience inspired him to write the *On Broadway* screenplay, which chronicles the struggles of a young Boston Irish carpenter who writes a play, also titled *God Willing*, about his uncle's death. "It's basically a fictionalized version of my life," said McLaughlin, "with a few changed details."

"One of the writers I first read at BC, Flannery O'Connor, said the only way a story can be universal is if it is specific," said McLaughlin, who majored in English in the Honors Program. "This film is authentic Boston, from actors to crew to location to the story. But I think it's a story about family and love that will also speak much more broadly." Upon its completion, McLaughlin intends to launch the movie on the festival circuit in the hopes that a distributor will take it on.

"Dave is truly a great filmmaker," said Poehler, who flew in for a whirlwind two-day shoot following the season finale of *Saturday Night Live*, on which she is a cast member (see related story, page 9). "I feel like this is the beginning of what will be a giant career for him," she said. "I just want to get in on the bottom level so he'll keep taking my calls." McLaughlin met Poehler six years ago through her husband, the actor Will Arnett, a longtime friend; Meyer and McLaughlin were friends in college; Smith met McLaughlin through Meyer, who recommended him for the assistant director position. McLaughlin met the Bertolons through another of *On Broadway*'s producers; although the Bertolons had never before invested in a film, they were looking to become involved in an independent film project, and McLaughlin's script caught their eye.

POSTPRODUCTION WORK ON THE FILM IS taking place locally as well. At the beginning of the shoot, Meyer called Professor John Michalczyk, codirector of BC's film

studies program, and asked him if he would recommend some student interns to help during film editing. Michalczky sent two undergraduates, Stephanie Rutkowski '06 and Thomas Quinn '07, and offered access to BC's editing facilities in the basement of Devlin Hall.

"A lot of us here on set are Boston born and bred," said Meyer, who grew up in Quincy and now lives in Los Angeles. A full-time producer for the Farrelly bro-

thers, the filmmakers responsible for the wildly popular *There's Something about Mary* and *Dumb and Dumber*, Meyer took a leave of absence from his Los Angeles job to help produce *On Broadway*, which has a budget of just under \$1 million. "I couldn't resist a good hometown story," he said, his voice already hoarse at 9 A.M. from a 12-hour shoot the day before. As one of the film's four producers, Meyer spends most of his days barking orders, he

says. Just as he sat down for an extended interview—his third attempt that morning—more than 100 extras filed into the bar for the *God Willing* intermission scene. Meyer stood up, pulled his headset's microphone down toward his mouth, and turned up the volume dial.

"Sorry about that," McLaughlin said, waving Meyer toward the set. He smiled and patted Meyer on the back as he walked by. "Feels like we're making a movie." ■

Staggered start

The Council for Women of Boston College celebrated the recent shift of the University's alumni base to a female majority by commissioning the film *Making Our Place: A History of Women of Boston College*. Below, a timeline of BC's "first women," drawn from the film, which premiered this past spring.

1910 Unidentified nuns from teaching orders in Boston are the first women to study under Boston College faculty.

1925 Mary C. Mellyn, assistant superintendent of the Boston public schools and sister of James F. Mellyn, SJ (dean of BC's fledgling Graduate School of Education), is the first woman to receive a Boston College degree, an honorary doctorate.

1926 Margaret U. Magrath and Olivia C. Penell are awarded master of arts degrees—the first women to earn degrees from BC.

1928 First women hired to faculty: Alice Driscoll, geography; Olivia C. Penell, educational methods; Mary Quigley, mathematics; and Rose E. Weiffenbach, English.

1930 Olivia C. Penell and Marion E. Fitzgerald are the first women to earn doctorates.

1944 School of Social Work Dean Dorothy Book is the first female dean.

1956 Women in the School of Education are the first undergraduates to study alongside men on campus. Also that year, Mary Kinnane is named the first "Dean for Women" at Boston College.

1959 Alice Bourneuf becomes the University's first female tenured full professor, in the economics department. Also, undergraduates Ann Bell, Mary Driscoll, Diane Glennon, Margaret McLaughlin, Elizabeth O'Connell, Caroline O'Hara, and Mary Jane Skatoff are the first women to be admitted to the College of Arts & Sciences. Their admission is subsequently challenged by senior administrators in the Society of Jesus, and no further women are admitted to A&S until 1970.

1965 Ann O'Malley '66 (Education) is the first woman to be named editor-in-chief of the *Heights*.

1966 Sylvia Simmons, registrar of the business school, is the first African-American woman hired to the BC administration.



The Philomatheia Club, 1917—women in support of Boston College

1971 Patricia Goler, MA'51, Ph.D.'57, a dean at UMass-Lowell, and Mary Lai, the treasurer of Long Island University, are the first women appointed to the Board of Trustees. Also, women's basketball becomes the first female sport to achieve varsity status.

1972 Clare Schoenfeld is the first woman to graduate from the School of Management.

1974 Maureen Dezell '75 is the first woman elected editor-in-chief of the *Stylus*.

1975 Margaret A. Dwyer, M.Ed.'56, is appointed the first female vice president.

1981 Joanne Caruso '82 is the first woman elected president of the undergraduate student government.

1983 Mary K. Casey is the first female graduate of ROTC.

1985 Sheila McGovern '57, JD'60, is the first female president of the Alumni Association.

1992 Mary Lou DeLong, NC'71, vice president for university relations, is the first female vice president of a division.

1996 Monan Professor Lisa Sowle Cahill, of theology, is the first woman to hold an endowed chair at Boston College.

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DO BEHAVIORAL DRUGS MAKE US BETTER?

DO THEY MAKE AMERICA BETTER?

BY DAVID A. KARP

MOST PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS SURRENDER TO drug therapy—believing, in the end, that they have little choice—but they nearly always act as resistance fighters along the way. They fail to comply fully with doctors' orders or they experiment with drugs or make repeated efforts to stop taking their pills altogether. At root is the sense that prescribed drugs can erode personal authenticity and tamp down feelings that reflect one's true self.

Certainly, scientists and pharmaceutical companies should continue to investigate how brain lesions, faulty neurotransmissions, and flawed genes may shape thoughts and feelings that severely impair human functioning. But at the same time, by insisting that disorders

like depression and anxiety are primarily caused by malfunctioning brains, the proponents and practitioners of biological psychiatry ignore clear evidence about the psychological and social factors equally at the core of human emotions. There is a great loss in that. As ever-increasing numbers of Americans take psychotropic pills, we all begin to believe that more and more of our feelings—sadness, shyness, anger—are illegitimate and abnormal and require biological intervention to correct.

HISTORICALLY, PROBLEMATIC BEHAVIOR WAS EXplained as evidence of sinfulness or evil. These days when people behave strangely or do things that impinge on our moral sensibilities, we immediately question their mental health. Presumably, this fairly new medical model of psychiatric disorder—increasingly dominant since the 1980s—is based on objective scientific criteria, thoroughly independent of moral judgments and political ideologies. But in conflating health with cultural conceptions of normalcy, an inseparable link between science and morality is nonetheless created. In the name of science, the medical model unjustifiably gives physicians the right to treat behaviors that contravene social expectations or upset widely held moral injunctions.

Examples of nonconforming behaviors that have been medicalized include hyperactivity in children, child abuse, and alleged shopping, sexual, and computer addictions. One can only express wonderment at the deluge of “discoveries” of new brain diseases in the last 25 years. The bible of psychiatric diagnoses, the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, or DSM, has been revised three times since 1953—in 1969, in 1987, and in 1994. The 1953 and 1969 editions offered classifications that accorded with the psychodynamic model prevalent at their time, when conditions warranting treatment were understood to be disorders of the mind. Then, in 1987, the language abruptly shifted, and diseases of the brain became the new currency. Whereas in 1953, the DSM had named 60 psychiatric disorders, the current DSM describes over 350 diagnoses. Surely, a 480 percent increase in identifiable psychiatric abnormalities cannot have resulted solely from dispassionate scientific discovery.

Today, diagnoses in the DSM may echo the language of

organic conditions like diabetes. But the analogy breaks down when we consider that no doctor would prescribe insulin replacement without first clearly demonstrating that a person’s body was not properly producing the hormone. Doctors have a definitive test to affirm the organic pathology that warrants the diabetes diagnosis and treatment. By contrast, no doctor has ever done a diagnostic test that demonstrates the brain dysfunction for which I am prescribed my drugs. Like others treated with antidepressant medications, I am presumed to have a brain disease on the basis of the symptoms I report. Such tenuous connections among symptoms, diagnoses, demonstrable physical pathologies, treatments, and outcomes undermine the validity of the disease model for psychiatry.

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IN MY VIEW THE TURN TO biology has occurred in part because it is unclear whether psychiatrists are, in fact, treating diseases. That is to say, psychiatry has always fought for legitimacy as a medical specialty. Consequently, psychiatrists have something to gain in terms of professional prestige if they can convince themselves and others that troubled people need their chemical interventions to heal broken brains just as someone with a broken leg needs an orthopedic surgeon. This impulse toward greater legitimacy dovetails with the interests of pharmaceutical companies that make billions of dollars selling psychotropic medications. It is a perfect system: Pharmaceutical companies need diseases for their drugs. The American Psychiatric Association creates and codifies diseases in the DSM. The more diseases patients bring to psychiatrists for treatment, the more psychiatrists’ status is enhanced.

In 2001, Americans spent more than \$12 billion on antidepressant medications, the equivalent of \$43.85 for every man, woman, and child in the country. U.S. doctors wrote some 24,742,000 prescriptions for Prozac in 1999 alone; and 38 million people worldwide used the drug between 1988 and 2000. One remarkable 10-year period, 1987–96, witnessed a nearly threefold increase in the number of American adolescents being treated with psychiatric medications.

Numerous exposés have demonstrated the way drug companies slant research findings and limit damaging information to gain U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)





approval for their pills. (See, for example, Stephen Fried's *Bitter Pills: Inside the Hazardous World of Legal Drugs*; David Healy's *Let Them Eat Prozac: The Unhealthy Relationship between the Pharmaceutical Industry and Depression*; and Marcia Angell's *The Truth about the Drug Companies: How They Deceive Us and What to Do about It*). Drug companies compromise the credibility of their studies when they:

- Commission multiple studies to assess a drug's effectiveness, then report only the research most flattering to their product.
- Fire doctors who serve as well-paid consultants on effectiveness studies if they report negative findings, thereby putting pressure on doctors to search the data for positive results.
- Hire multiple physician-researchers to publish slightly different versions of the same set of complimentary findings, in several journals.
- Compare their medication with others by giving control groups only the lowest effective dosage of the competing drug.
- Devise questions to measure their drug's symptom relief in ways that maximize the likelihood of positive reports, then use different measurement procedures to evaluate the effectiveness of competing drugs.
- Fail to systematically ask study respondents about certain side effects, thus ensuring that rates of adverse reactions are greatly minimized. (Doctors carry some blame here, too, since they rarely report adverse effects to the FDA after a drug has appeared on the market, which they are expected to do. As a result, troublesome side effects are enormously underestimated for many drugs.)
- Limit drug trials to short periods of time, often only several weeks. Drug companies rarely do long-term studies to determine how large populations experience their medications over time.

Pharmaceutical companies have infiltrated every area of medical research, training, and practice. Continuing education programs for physicians are subsidized by pharmaceutical companies and dominated by speakers on their payrolls. Physicians are paid handsome bounties for each person they help to enroll in a company's drug study. Major hospitals, research centers, and universities now depend substantially on support from drug companies. Drug representatives lav-

ish doctors with free samples and gifts. The industry's lobby in Washington is larger than that of any other private interest. And many researchers who publish in the most prestigious medical journals have financial ties to the companies, as do many experts who sit on the FDA panels that decide drugs' futures. "Drug money" has created so many conflicts of interest that the quality of knowledge available to physicians, regulatory agencies, and patients has been tainted.

THE ANTHROPOLOGIST TANYA LUHRMANN calls psychopharmacology "the great, silent dominatrix," in

her book *Of Two Minds: The Growing Disorder in American Psychiatry*. "More and more psychiatrists spend more of their time prescribing medications," she writes. "More people are involved in the research; more patients (these days) are probably touched by these agents than by anything else the psychiatric profession does." And yet, often the experimental studies involving psychotropic drugs are inconclusive. As David Healy relates in his book *The Creation of Psychopharmacology*, rarely does an antidepressant medication far exceed the placebo in effectiveness. The newer classes of antidepressants, the SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors—such as Prozac, Paxil, Celexa, and Zoloft), hyped as the latest wonder drugs, are no more effective than the categories of medications that were discovered in the late 1950s (the tricyclic antidepressants, for instance). And there is much that the medical studies cannot measure. As the sociologist Allan Horwitz, in his book *Creating Mental Illness*, puts it:

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How does the effectiveness of the medication compare with entering a new career, joining a gym, going to religious confession, or returning to school? Would a disorder respond better to an entirely different kind of therapy than to medication? Would people who suffer from distressing romantic relationships gain more from entering new relationships than from taking an antidepressant? We cannot, of course, design an experimental study that provides people with new romantic partners, so we don't know. . . . The finding that receiving a particular medication is superior to not receiving this medication indicates nothing about the effectiveness of medication compared to alternatives such as changing social circumstances or providing other sorts of therapies.

Socializing patients and doctors to the idea that bothersome moods are biological diseases occurs on two fronts. First, all of us are instructed daily via drug advertisements that we need not put up with unpleasant and "abnormal" feelings when eradicating them is so easy. Second, pharmaceutical companies sponsor drug seminars and employ a small army of salesmen to give doctors the tools that will make their patients happy. Most antidepressants are prescribed by family physicians who rely on their own often limited clinical experience with psychiatric symptoms, what they are told by drug company representatives, and what they can learn in the *Physicians' Desk Reference*. Although doctors are frequently unsure whether it is a patient's life circumstance or biology that is causing bad feelings, they largely fall back on biomedical discourse and dole out the pills.

A friend from New York City told me that after she reported to her doctor that she had become "edgy and irritable" following the September 11 attacks, he immediately suggested that she try Paxil. What does it say about the current state of medicine that healthy people experiencing appropriate emotions are routinely treated with powerful medications they do not need? Given the vast numbers of people currently taking psychotropic medications, it seems clear that Americans are rapidly moving closer to the idea that virtually any feeling short of complete happiness is unacceptable.

Certainly, medications should be available to people whose illnesses have compromised their capacity to function in the world. But I do believe that doctors practice bad medicine when they ignore the reality that life is difficult and hand out medications for the normal pains of daily living.

IN MY MANY INTERVIEWS WITH PEOPLE BEING treated with medications for depression or manic depression, I've found that the great majority of them attribute their bad, often crippling feelings to immediate life experiences as well as to brain chemistry. One young woman, Alice, was an exception. Could it be, she suggested, that manic-depressive illness is most likely to arise in a manic society?

I think that it's important to think about the way society . . . is constructing these diseases [she said]. Why has bipolar

become so popular right now? What is it about this time and the culture that has brought this diagnosis out? I have a quick answer, which is there's great disparity in this country, and there's great inequalities, and I think there's tremendous motion. Things go very, very quickly now. You have 170 channels on TV, and kids can't sit still for more than 10 minutes, and everything goes from, "It's wonderful, God Bless America," to people starving in our own streets, [and the government] sending people out to kill people. So in that way the disease, the illness . . . can become very socially constructed. . . . That's where I could say, "Maybe it doesn't even have to be biological. Maybe you don't even need the predisposition for it to manifest itself."

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Why should we be surprised at the explosion of depressive illness in a society where the old sources of stability—family, workplace, neighborhood, community—have frayed? Why should we be surprised that up to 40 percent of unemployed women receiving welfare in order to care for their children at home screen positively for depression? Why should we be surprised that increasing numbers of middle-class, white-collar workers are joining a new "anxious class" as corporations downsize and reengineer their companies, shipping jobs to places with better "business climates"? Why should we be surprised that among the best predictors of hospital admission rates for major mental illness is the state of the economy?

The prevailing ideology in psychiatry seeks to change only the patient's neurotransmitters. In this way, it is even more conservative than earlier attempts by psychiatrists to reshape the patient's self, to fit him or her more comfortably into society through talk therapy. Neither approach recognizes that solutions to

human ills might best be achieved by restructuring society itself.

We can see why healers gravitate toward individualistic treatments of pain. It is far easier to change individuals than it is to change ingrained social structures. Still, if we accept that factors such as poverty and gross inequality are implicated in emotional illnesses, we must also accept that treatments focusing exclusively on brains are necessarily incomplete. Worse, there is the danger that the disease metaphor will blunt our collective sensitivity to social problems and diminish our commitment to solving them.

The relentless medicalization of behaviors has bred a nation of victims. Given the ever-expanding list of moods and behaviors over which we presumably have no control, nearly everyone these days can claim victim status of one sort or another. Should you draw the anger of family and friends by drinking too much, by craving sex too much, by maxing out your credit cards at shopping malls, by ignoring others in favor of your computer, or by threatening your health through food bingeing, you may claim an addiction. If you cannot control your anger, your abusive behavior toward family members, your difficulty accepting authority, your anxiety at cocktail parties, or your aversion to housework, you can find a doctor with a diagnosis for the problem and medications to minimize the symptoms. Biology, as Tanya Luhrmann puts it, has become “the great moral loophole of our age”—a remarkable transformation in a society founded on an ethic of responsibility and hardy individualism.

Traditional psychotherapy, with its emphasis on self-understanding, is directed at making patients more responsible for changing themselves and their behaviors. In contrast, biological psychiatry, lacking interest in the biographies of patients, effectively lifts the burden of responsibility. And if the profession of psychiatry itself has been of two minds about personal responsibility, so also are many patients and those close to them. In more than 150 interviews with emotionally ill people and their families, I have found deep ambivalence about when and whether objectionable behaviors should be understood in terms of illness or character.

Today, of course, psychotropic drugs remain inexact and unpredictable instruments. But as biological psychiatry defines more and more human variation as abnormal, and as the choice of prescriptions grows, the result will be an increasing standardization of behaviors and feelings, and a reduction in freedom, as biological psychiatry inexorably circumscribes ever more tightly the range of acceptable emotions and actions. When a society narrows its definition of tolerable variation, the result is often illness. We've seen this clearly in the constricting cultural standard of beauty, which has led to the burgeoning incidence of anorexia nervosa and bulimia. Hyperactivity is another diagnosis whose incidence has grown. Aided no doubt by the availability of drugs like Ritalin, the disease has crept outward from its core population, from children who cannot concentrate to children whose behaviors may be troublesome but hardly abnormal. Once a diagnosis is created, the number of people with the disease expands. Individuals formerly considered unconventional join the ranks of the sick. The social critic Francis Fukuyama draws a compelling analog between Prozac and Ritalin as two drugs that “exchange one normal behavior in favor of another that someone thinks is socially preferable....”

There is a disconcerting symmetry between Prozac and Ritalin. The former is prescribed heavily for depressed women lacking in self-esteem; it gives them more of the alpha-male feeling that comes with high serotonin levels. Ritalin, on the other hand, is prescribed largely for young boys who do not want to sit still in class because nature never designed them to behave that way. Together, the two sexes are gently nudged toward that androgynous median personality, self-satisfied and socially compliant, that is the current politically correct outcome in American society.

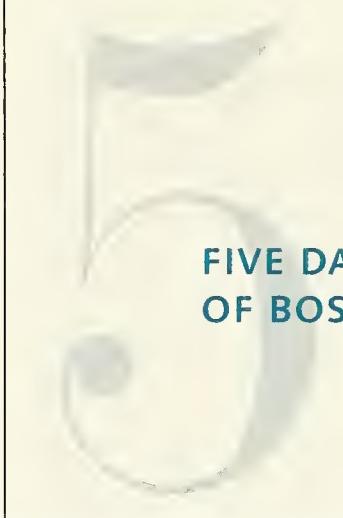
I read a disturbing newspaper article a few years ago about a federally funded study designed to isolate the genetic basis for violent behavior. Researchers spoke about the relevance of their work for social policy, noting that once children are shown to have a biological predisposition to violence, doctors can treat them with preventive medications. We could be approaching an era when it will seem reasonable to treat people for *potential* nonconformity. Given that the survival of a democratic society depends on respect for vastly different feelings, opinions, and thoughts, and on the liberty to challenge the status quo, this is greatly troubling.

THERE IS DANGER IN ALL SINGLE-MINDED MODELS for explaining mental illness. Beginning in the 1960s, for example, a number of sociologists and radical psychiatrists took the useful notion that mental illness is at least in part socially constructed and morphed it into the idea that mental illness is a myth altogether. Such social determinism is as foolish and falls as short of truth as the biological determinism I have been faulting.

The challenge for us all is to understand the economic, cultural, professional, and personal factors that foster false dichotomies in the first place. My quarrel with psychiatry and pharmaceutical companies is not about drugs per se. I am far more bothered by the confluence of factors that leads doctors to routinely medicate for life troubles.

No one can say exactly when normal distress becomes pathological pain. But if we are to err it should be on the side of not medicating a minority who need it rather than medicating the many who do not. This is not a perfect solution. Inevitably, some people will suffer who could have been aided—a very few, one hopes—for the good of a healthier society. ■

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FIVE DAYS IN THE PUBLIC LIFE
OF BOSTON COLLEGE'S PRESIDENT

Business Week

BY BEN BIRNBAUM

On Tuesday, May 30, 2006, 10 years less two months from the day he took over as president of Boston College, William P. Leahy, SJ, began his Memorial Day-delayed work week with a visit to the dentist. By 11 A.M., a temporary fix having been applied to a problematic tooth, Leahy arrived at the Yawkey Center's Murray Function Room for his first public meeting of the day, a briefing and lunch with 40 or so students, rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors, who had been selected to staff the summer's freshman orientation programs.

As is invariably the case when he represents the University, Fr. Leahy, who turned 58 while this story was being prepared, was dressed in clerical clothing. And as is invariably the case when he speaks publicly these days, his conversation with the students (their uniform on this occasion was khaki and pastels) was framed by his descriptions of the significant enhancements to the University that are planned in the years leading up to 2013, when Boston College will shoulder the twin celebration of its 150th anniversary and its centenary on the heights of Chestnut Hill.

I have heard Leahy give variations on this briefing 15 or 20 times in the past year. Over the course of a week at the

end of May and early June, during which I followed BC's 25th president on some of his rounds, I would hear him give "the talk" four more times. Here is what it sounds like to me:

Following two years of study from within and without, Boston College is about to make a set of dramatic advancements because this has been BC's habit since Gasson moved everyone out to the wilds of Chestnut Hill in 1913, and because universities that don't move forward move backward and lose consequence.

Over the years leading to the University's sesquicentennial, Boston College will press ahead on many fronts but definitely within seven "strategic" sectors closely tied to the

University's historic, educational, and religious mission. These are (1) liberal arts education; (2) student formation; (3) research in areas of social concern in which faculty can leverage a distinctive good; (4) research in areas of natural science in which faculty can leverage a distinctive good; (5) leader development in law, business, nursing, and education; (6) international engagement by faculty and students; (7) Catholic intellectual and pastoral life.

In support of this advance, Boston College will create new academic programs, hire new faculty, build and improve study, research, and residential facilities, build a student center (finally) and a replacement for the Flynn Recreation Complex, and comprehensively reshape the lower campus so as to knit together—in fact and in sensibility—the Chestnut Hill Campus and the newly purchased Brighton Campus across the six lane and two trolley track divide of Commonwealth Avenue.

The cost of all this will be imposing. It will not be met, however, as have large segments of previous advances, through increases in tuition or debt financing. Tuition is high enough, thank you, and so is Boston College's debt, at \$560 million. Nor will drawdowns on current endowment solve the problem. Boston College's endowment—\$1.4 billion before the market tanked in July—appears impressive but is in fact of modest size compared with those of other significant private universities, and even humble when placed against the backdrop of the University's 14,000-plus enrollment and broad commitments. For example (Leahy will say), we are among only 20 private American universities that offer admission to undergraduate applicants without knowing their financial circumstances and with the guarantee that we will find the aid money to meet every admitted student's "full financial need."

And so the next leap forward will have to be funded by gifts. I am convinced this can be done (says Leahy) because the proportion of alumni who make annual gifts to BC hovers at 25 percent (close to a national average, but nothing to write home about when compared with 49 percent at Notre Dame, for one irksome example), while the proportion of alumni who express pride in BC and happiness with their experience of it is much higher (about 90 percent in surveys). If alumni, says Leahy, place Boston College as high in their philanthropic priorities as it stands, by all accounts, in their affections and regard, Boston College will become an institution with the financial strength to match its broad and ambitious mission.

Which points to what's at stake: not whether Boston College will be relatively rich or poor, large or small; but

whether Boston College, as a university, and as a university that is Catholic and—with Catholic—Jesuit, will over the next decade strengthen its position as a contributor of original gifts and flavor to learning, research, and society.

That's "the talk." And after 10 years of working on improving Boston College, facet by facet (see sidebar), it's also Leahy's vision of a comprehensive legacy, whether he chooses to use the L-word or not in his conversations, and he hasn't yet, and I don't believe, given his habits of character, that he will.



Leahy speaking to the Class of 1956 at their Golden Eagle Investiture

SITTING AROUND A TABLE WITH LEAHY IN THE Yawkey conference room, the 40 students listened politely, perking up when the president referenced matters that seemed to touch their lives (or more accurately the lives of future students). Leahy did his best to move in the direction of their interests, talking about where new student and recreation centers were likely to be located, and how much they would cost to build, and about the importance of "student formation" within the BC undergraduate experience. Aware of how the word "formation" strikes many college students (and some adults) when it's spoken by a Catholic priest, Leahy added, "I don't mean coercion or indoctrination, but the formation of an ethical and moral compass within each student. We need to have an atmosphere at Boston College that allows people the freedom to explore, to make mistakes, to find out who they are; but without making mistakes from which they can't recover."

As is the case whenever Leahy meets with student groups, the conversation eventually turned to the question of whether the president spends a sufficient amount of his

time with undergraduates. The students believe he doesn't; they have never believed anything else (I can attest that students believed the same about Leahy's predecessor J. Donald Monan, SJ). Leahy, I suspect, agrees with these students in principle (one doesn't enter a teaching order of priests if one doesn't feel called to engage with students), but his schedule, as he tells the orientation leaders, is dense with obligations, and he is Boston College's only CEO and also the person into whose eyes donors want to look when they're being asked to give large sums of money to build a new student center.

Meeting with alumni is, as he tells the students, an activity to which he devotes a third of his days on a seven-day-per-week basis—and, though he doesn't say this, to which he is likely to devote a greater proportion of his time when Boston College launches a major capital campaign, as is expected, within a couple of years. Leahy also told the students that when the presidents of Boston-area universities get together for dinner, as they do regularly, the subject that occupies their conversation more than any other is how to parse hours and minutes in the face of overwhelming demands. The students listened respectfully, but it was clear that they were not buying.

Later during lunch, Leahy prompted a conversation about illegal drinking among freshmen, and the orientation leaders responded with a frank critique of college culture ("the 'let's get wasted' mentality is ingrained") and critiques of

BC-sponsored social programs (most shut down at 11, just when parties begin) and what they said is unevenness in the way the University responds to disciplinary complaints by resident assistants. Several of the orientation leaders spoke of their freshman year, when often enough the consequence of not attending a (drinking) party on a Friday or Saturday night was to spend an evening alone in a dorm room—a first-year student's archetypal nightmare. Leahy seemed impressed with the honesty and thoughtfulness of the comments and with some practical remedies the students offered. After further conversation, and with time running out, he asked the students if they would meet with him again at the conclusion of the orientation season, to talk about their experiences with the freshmen. When he excused himself a few minutes later to head off to another meeting, the applause for him was more than warm.

Descending with Leahy in the elevator, I made a vapid remark about the frequency with which students say they want to see him more often. He countered by telling me that a member of his staff had recently told him that based on demand and need he could probably fill his schedule with nothing but meetings with alumni. For a moment I wondered if he was having second thoughts about reconvening with the undergraduate orientation leaders; but it wasn't that; he was just reminding me that the discipline he sets on his schedule is a guardrail over a deep precipice of competing demands.

TEN YEARS IN REVIEW

| | 1995–96 | 2005–06 |
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| Operating Budget | \$341 million | \$618 million |
| Endowment | \$590 million | \$1.4 billion |
| Number of Full-time Faculty | 586 | 662 |
| Faculty Compensation <i>(Full professor, with benefits)</i> | \$106,700 | \$153,500 |
| Undergraduate Applications | 16,501 | 26,584 |
| Percentage of Applicants Accepted | 41% | 29% |
| Average SAT Score (<i>entering freshman</i>) | 1,248 | 1,325 |
| % of AHANA (<i>minority</i>) Students | 18% | 25% |
| Undergraduate Financial Aid | \$47.5 million | \$100.8 million |
| Total University Gifts Received | \$24.6 million | \$ 76.4 million |
| Total Acreage | 157 | 278 |
| Buildings | 88 | 124 |
| Jesuits in BC Community | 110 | 130 |
| Research Grants | \$18 million | \$44 million |

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FROM TUESDAY TO SATURDAY, I FOLLOWED LEAHY into and through and out of meetings because I wanted to write a story about what holds his attention as he concludes 10 years as president of Boston College.

Over the course of the five days, I attended 15 of the 25 meetings on his schedule, avoiding those that at which business, no matter my commitment to discretion, would have been perturbed by my presence. Among the meetings I steered clear of was an “issues” session with a group of faculty, an interview with a finalist for the Alumni Association directorship, a visit from BC’s outside auditors, appointments with donors and potential donors, and an assembly of the newly established Boston Archdiocesan School Committee, of which Leahy is a founding member.

On Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m.—three and one-half hours after I had parted from him near the entrance to the Yawkey Center—I caught up with Leahy in his President’s Suite, a nicely turned out reception and dining area on the top floor of the 21 Campanella Way office building. There would be no speeches or briefings at this particular “meeting,” which was a cocktail party honoring 31 retiring faculty and staff.

This was a crowd Leahy knew well—custodians to senior faculty—and he moved through the room bantering about weather and vacation homes, children and grandchildren, and urging guests to help themselves from trays of hors d’oeuvres that were being passed around by student waiters and waitresses. As he worked the room, he held a glass of Pepsi on the rocks, his drink of preference, which had been brought to him by a dining services manager soon after he arrived. (Boston College is a Coca-Cola campus, but on Leahy’s account a bottle of Pepsi is kept in a handy hidden place at every University function, like a flask of gin in 1925.)

As the time neared to walk over to Corcoran Commons and the Heights Room, where the retirees and a group of 25-year employees would be honored at a dinner hosted by the president, a couple of members of Leahy’s staff circulated through the suite, searching out those who hadn’t yet had their portraits taken with the president and bringing them to

where Leahy waited in front of a camera set upon a tripod and two stand-mounted strobe lights. To a woman in a black dress who seemed uncertain about taking the final steps that would put her in front of the lens, Leahy cheerily called out, “Look, you’re in black; I’m in black,” and gestured to her to come forward.

Leahy holds punctuality an essential civility (in post-mortem conversation about BC events, he always notes whether they started and ended on time), and he picked up the pace a bit. Some noticed. “Nice smooth elbow move there, Father,” said George Ladd, a 37-year member of the



Posing with retiring Avelino “Al” Abreu (athletics maintenance) and his wife, Jeanne

Lynch School of Education faculty, as the president eased him away from the camera to make room for the next portrait subject. Leahy laughed. “If I was really smooth,” he said, “I’d have your wallet.”

On the five-minute walk to the commons, an aide briefed the president about a conversation she’d had with the mother and father of a student who had been caught using illegal drugs. And at the predinner reception in the Heights Room, both the academic vice president and the vice president for community and government affairs followed Leahy as he moved among the guests with his Pepsi. Each of them was

Leahy brought the discussion to a conclusion. Edmond's was the best site for the new building, he said, and Edmond's Hall had to go; BC ought to be planning for the long term.

waiting to take the president off to the side of the room for some business conversation before dinner began. And one after the other, they did.

I CAUGHT UP WITH LEAHY THE NEXT DAY, AT 12:30 P.M., when he joined seven Boston College trustees, three vice presidents, and a few staff members at a meeting of the Trustee Buildings and Properties Committee in St. William's Hall on the Brighton Campus. They met in a curtained-off section of a large room that was once the site for archdiocese-wide assemblies of priests but whose most recent tenant had been a team from Sasaki Associates, the Cambridge-based architecture firm that for the past year has been developing a "master plan" with a particular focus on rearranging the lower campus and connecting to the Brighton Campus.

The meeting began with briefings on projects: a new chemistry lab in Merkert, a central office for information technology staff in St. Clement's Hall, the sale of a property that BC had received as a gift, the leasing of apartment buildings in Brighton that will serve as the University's first graduate student housing. Tom Devine, vice president for facilities management, then showed a grim 25-slide assessment of Gasson Hall's exterior: spalled concrete, gaps in mortar, broken pediments, water stains.

The trustees wanted to know how this had happened, how much repairs would cost, and how long they would take. Leahy is a careful listener at business meetings, where he tends not to speak a lot. (In this case, he let staff answer the trustee questions, though he himself had previously reviewed an 80-slide version of the same report and could well have made his command of the issues apparent.) Diffidence is not in his nature, but a strong sense of courtesy is. I have often seen him gather himself to make a point at a business meeting but then gesture a go-ahead after noticing that another person was also prepared to speak. But as importantly, he is a listener because he wants to know what others know. Soon after he arrived at Boston College, I was at a meeting with him along with other staff members at which someone asked him what he thought his skills were. He replied that he did not consider himself to be creative, but he did know how to judge among competing ideas. It was important to him, he added, to have people with imagination working around him.

At meetings, he moves to an austere choreography, turning deliberately to face speakers, nodding slowly when he

hears thoughts with which he agrees. Occasionally he will begin to write on a legal pad, and this means one of two things: He's heard something he wants to be sure he remembers (for good or for ill), or he's decided the conversation's played out and he's taking the opportunity to work on a memo or a to-do list. Early in Leahy's tenure I gave a public talk, and I was flattered when he took a seat in the front row and scribbled furiously the entire 20 minutes I spoke. Afterward I told him I'd be glad to send him my script. He blushed and laughed and confessed.

After the plan for repairing Gasson was endorsed by vote of the committee's trustees, three representatives from Sasaki Associates joined the group to run through a PowerPoint presentation on campus reconfiguration that they would make to the full 45-member Board of Trustees the following day. In the works for months, the presentation was familiar to everyone at the meeting, and it moved quickly, map following map, sketch following sketch, along with a spoken script dealing with massing, scale, sight lines, quadrangles, and square footage requirements. As with all groups that have been working together for some time, inside jokes had developed, the principal one being a Sasaki staff member's habit of referring in mock high tones to Gas-sone Hall.

The presentation, which took about 30 minutes, ranged over every acre of Boston College's three campuses, encompassing concerns over space for study, research, the arts, recreation fields, and housing. But the main work of the meeting was to decide between a project direction that required demolition of the lower campus residence Edmond's Hall to make way for a new recreation center (a new student center would then go up on the Rec Plex site), or a direction that kept Edmond's standing, with the recreation center going up on a portion of Shea Field or on land now occupied by a set of Mods nearest Walsh Hall.

The first plan was favored by the group in principle because it put the recreation center on what all agreed was its optimal site and because it rid the campus of a 31-year-old building that was "tired" and too large (800 residents on nine floors) to be a functioning student community as Boston College envisions the work of such communities in student life. The sticking point was that the demolition of Edmond's could not take place before replacement residences were constructed, and this would delay and add expense to the project.

The committee had been over this issue before, but with a

deadline for making a recommendation looming, they plowed it up again. How much would each option cost? How long would each take to complete? Why was the Edmond's site optimal for the recreation center? What alternatives weren't being considered, and why? Was it possible to recast Edmond's as a sound residence hall? What if the functions of a recreation center were divided between two noncontiguous buildings? Should eyes be on the very long view of campus development or on the next decade? Should aesthetics trump expediency, or vice versa? Should Boston College commit a lot of money or a great lot of money to campus redevelopment? It was Leahy who brought the discussion to a conclusion. Edmond's was the best site for the new building, he said, and Edmond's Hall had to go if Boston College was to achieve its goals in student formation. As to the consequent delay, he said, he believed BC ought to be planning for the long term.

On the following afternoon, at a trustee meeting in a Fulton Hall classroom, the plan that included the demolition of Edmond's was recommended by the Buildings and Properties committee and endorsed, in principle, by the board. (Funding details need to be developed, and gift commitments secured, before the board considers enactment.) As trustee meetings go, this one was fairly uneventful. The only significant vote, taken at Leahy's request, was to reconstitute the academic vice president's office as the Office of the Provost, a re-weighting of administrative structure that places the senior academic officer at executive vice president level. This system, in use at nearly every university of Boston College's stature, will strengthen academic management at the University by providing Boston College's new academic leader, Cutberto Garza, with more responsibility and authority than any of his predecessors have had.



"An Hour with the President," Reunion Weekend

As to cost, he said, the committee ought to recommend the better plan to the trustees, and he was confident that Boston College donors would support the better plan as well.

That evening, about 30 trustees gathered for dinner in the President's Suite. An innovation that Leahy put in place a few years ago, the dinner on the evening prior to the quarterly trustee meeting has become a ritual stop for Boston-based as well as out-of-town trustees. Invited to offer grace, Leahy voiced an expression of thanks for past gifts and asked for continued blessings and guidance. Leahy is often called upon to pray aloud at Boston College gatherings, and while he has a taste for rotund rhetoric on ceremonial occasions, I've never heard him make a public prayer that aimed to sound like more than a man talking.

THE 2006 ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND began on Thursday night. It brought 4,000 men and women to the campus (and a record \$33 million in class gifts), and on Saturday morning, at 11 A.M., Leahy met with some 500 of these returnees, who filled just about every folding chair that had been set up in Gargan Hall for what was billed as "An Hour with the President." Leahy's formal address to the alumni took about half an hour—the most extensive version of "the talk" that I heard him give during the five days I followed him around.

He began by positing the University as "never stronger in its academic quality, never better in its reputation, never more in demand by students, and in the best possible position to advance its Jesuit, Catholic mission." He then outlined his seven strategic directions, this time citing particular research areas that Boston College faculty and students would

mine to "improve society." These included a center to study aging from economic, social, and health perspectives; another to focus on developing ethical business leaders; and a third to generate new methods for training teachers that could be adopted nationally. Leahy also said that Boston College would need to select a "niche strategy" that would allow it to seek originality and excellence in the sciences. (While he did not elaborate on the plan in his talk, the science initiatives on which the strategic plan has focused deal with advances in areas where biology, chemistry, and physics intersect, and that would be the focus of a new institute.) Acknowledging that this would prove an expensive venture relative to other academic advances, he said, "We cannot be a major university culture in the 21st century without excellence in science."

He then offered a capsule account of Boston College's finances: \$1.4 billion in endowment, \$560 million in debt, and \$75 million in annual gifts. Before audience members could conclude that this was impressive, however, Leahy added: "Notre Dame has got \$4 billion in endowment, and probably has no more than \$350 million in debt."

Leahy then arrived at his punch line, a matter he'd advertised to when he spoke with the students several days earlier, but which he made plain to the alumni: "We've got lots of budget pressures. Our commitment to need-blind admis-

The questions were slow pitches, and Leahy was able to stroke back a few jokes as well as hit some long balls. "Iowans are always high on my list," the Iowa native said before he offered his perspectives on admission criteria, which—in response to a follow-up question—included the statement that while religion is not used as a standard for acceptance or rejection, taking religious life seriously might be one of the factors judged positively by admissions officers, "whether applicants are Catholic, Jewish, or of whatever belief."

The only question with speed on it came from a man who stood up and said that Boston College's switch from the Big East athletic conference to the Atlantic Coast Conference this past year had "changed BC culture." This, it turned out, was a reference to "donor-based seating," a practice used by ACC universities that Boston College has instituted for the 2006 men's basketball season, requiring that purchasers of season tickets first become donors at \$1,000 or more to athletics.

Leahy replied that Boston College would have instituted donor-based seating for men's basketball even if it had stayed in the Big East because athletics at Boston College, as at nearly all colleges, runs a deficit—in BC's case, some \$10 million annually, mostly a consequence of full and partial financial aid grants equivalent to 272 full scholarships—that is made up from the general operating budget. "The more we can cut that deficit and use that money for academic pur-

poses," said Leahy, "the better off we'll be." Leahy noted that in its first ACC year, Boston College had seen athletic revenues rise to \$6.2 million, an improvement over "the four to five million" projected for BC in the Big East, and that he expected soon to see \$10 million in athletic income in the ACC. He drew a laugh when he concluded: "Of course, if someone would like to endow our athletic program, we could have free seating for everybody."

The Alumni Association convened a meeting in Gargan Hall after the president concluded his remarks. The main agenda was a vote leading to a reorganization of the association's board and by-laws and an expansion of the association's contacts and responsibilities within the University. Long championed by Leahy as a means by which the alumni organization would improve service to alumni and Boston College, the restructuring proposal had nonetheless been controversial.

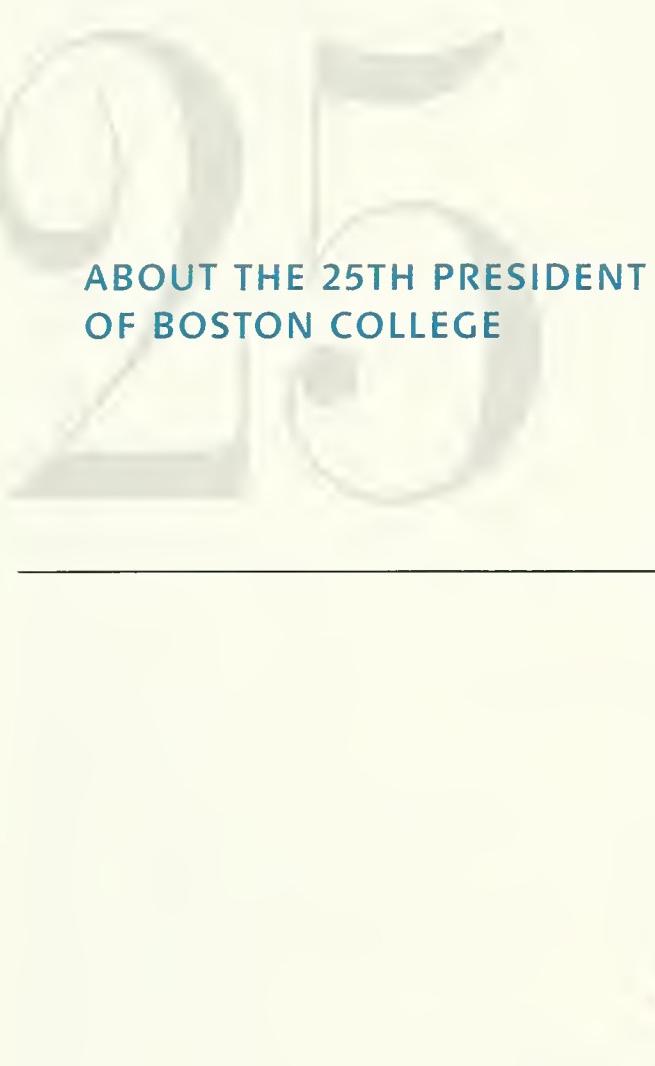
But as with the elevation of the academic vice president's status a day earlier, the vote was well prepared for, passing unanimously and without debate.



With reunioning Newton College alumnae, at Alumni House

sion costs us \$65 million a year—only 10 percent of which is covered by endowment, the rest coming from general operations. We require new facilities, particularly if we're going to keep our best faculty at Boston College. If we had to rely on tuition to fund our advancement, we could not thrive; but because we have a clear mission, we are able to raise funds from alumni and friends, and those funds are what will allow the mission to thrive." Boston College's challenge, he said, is to get alumni to respond to the message that they are critical to the University's success.

Turning on a lapel microphone, Leahy then stepped away from the lectern and into an open semicircle in front of the audience to take questions. Are there fixed criteria for admission? (No.) What percent of undergraduate students are Catholic? (About seventy.) What's the proportion of minority students? (Leahy answered thoroughly, parsing the numbers to distinguish among blacks, Hispanics, and Asians). Are diminished numbers of Jesuit faculty and staff a concern? (Yes.) Does BC believe it is important to provide students with "an international perspective?" (Yes.)



ABOUT THE 25TH PRESIDENT OF BOSTON COLLEGE

William P. Leahy, SJ, became the 25th president of Boston College on July 31, 1996, coming to Chestnut Hill from Marquette University, where he had been executive vice president since 1991 and a member of the history faculty since 1985. A native of Iomogene, Iowa (population 66 in 2000), he was born in 1948 and raised with six brothers and sisters on a family farm (corn, wheat, oats, and soybeans). He entered the Jesuit order in 1967, following his freshman year at Creighton University. He holds master's degrees in divinity and sacred theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California, and a doctorate in history from Stanford University. He is the author of *Adapting to America* (Georgetown, 1991), an analysis of 20th-century American Catholicism as viewed through the histories of Catholic—and particularly Jesuit—colleges, and is chairman of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. Successful college presidents, no matter the scope of their work, tend to be remembered for a single achievement: Chicago's Hutchins for the great books movement; Harvard's Eliot for the elective system; BC's own Fr. Monan for bringing the University back from the brink of bankruptcy. At 10 years and counting, there's little doubt Fr. Leahy is known for the Church in the 21st Century initiative that he established in 2002 to promote scholarship and renewal in the face of revelations of clerical sexual abuse and cover-up.

B.B.

THAT EVENING, IN A COLD RAIN, I JOINED FR. LEAHY for a final lap, a set of 13 brief visits (or “visitations,” in Alumni Association parlance) to class reunion parties, scheduled at 10- and 15-minute intervals from 7:20 to 10:05 p.m.

In memory and in my notes, the visitations were a blur of rain, umbrellas, crowds, brief minivan rides, loud music, dancers, diners, and flashbulbs. Leahy, who was very conscious that he was dragging around six staff people from the alumni and development offices who hadn't had much time off since alumni began checking into residence halls two days earlier, was determined to stay on schedule. “How are we doing on time?” he asked after most stops. Still, it was difficult to keep to the schedule. People wanted to talk to the president, and more wanted to be in a photograph with him, and he linked arms, put his hand on shoulders, and let arms rest across his shoulders while the flashes went off. In the lobby of the Murray Function Room, while a middle-aged cover band (made up of off-duty Boston policemen and firefighters, I was told) played “Help Me, Rhonda” for the Class of 1971, Leahy posed for 25 photographs before I stopped counting.

By the time we reached the Newton College of the Sacred Heart classes of 1956 and 1961, who were having dinner at Alumni House, “the visitation team” was running about 10

minutes behind schedule. But Leahy was relaxed. Raised in a home with older sisters, he is at ease with groups of women, and he stopped at each table to talk with the alumnae, asking names, asking about student days.

“We will make it on time,” he promised the staff as he got back into the van.

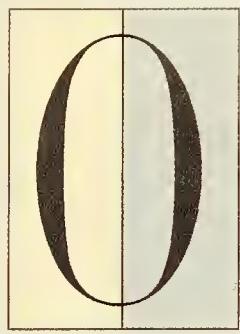
And we did, finishing up in a blur in Conte Forum, where the Class of 1991 was filling the basketball court in the Power Gym with heat and a pulsing sound I did not recognize as music I knew. As Leahy moved through the room, seeking out the class leaders for the requisite photograph, a young man in dress military uniform, with two rows of battle ribbons on his chest, came and stood by. When I looked again, I saw Leahy and the soldier talking seriously and quietly. As Leahy turned to go, I heard him say to the young man, “Call me.”

With his entourage trailing, Leahy then descended into Conte Forum, where the Class of 1986 was gathered in near darkness on a wood floor that had been placed over the ice rink, and where a DJ played music on a sound system that blinked and roared like an Airbus coming in for a night landing. I lost Leahy there (the black suit) and so did most other members of the “visitation team,” and we wandered around in the seats above, peering into the dark, and finally traced him by camera flashes on the other side of the rink. ■

THE APPRENTICES

Summer school for researchers

Photographs by Lee Pellegrini



VER THE PAST 12 YEARS, BOSTON COLLEGE HAS DEVOTED MORE than \$2.6 million to support some 2,000 undergraduate research fellowships, in fields ranging from English to economics to physics.

Founded as a \$100,000 pilot project in 1994, the Undergraduate Faculty Research Fellows Program (UFRF) was designed “to emphasize BC’s identity as a teaching and research university,” says Robert Lay, dean of enrollment management. Faculty members may apply for undergraduate research assistants each semester, and students, selected on the basis of grades and recommendations, may work up to 20 hours a week during the academic year and 40 hours a week in the summer, earning \$8–10 per hour.

Students who “might otherwise have spent their summers bussing tables or bagging groceries can instead devote their time to academics,” says William Petri, associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. Undergraduate research fellows gain exposure to the full range of work that goes into successful research, from the minutia of record keeping to hands-on investigation to heady moments of discovery. “I have taught at three other colleges with undergraduate research programs,” says Professor of Sociology Juliet Schor, “but BC’s is the only one designed to make sure undergraduates get involved in real collaborative work. This is not about Xeroxing—the guidelines are very specific. This work holds weight.” During the past summer, 105 students assisted 65 faculty members in 20 departments, divided among the four undergraduate schools—amounting to the largest number of undergraduate research fellows ever. A sampler of their experiences follows.



Richard Hughes '07 and Chemistry Professor Lawrence Scott

Armchair chemists

CHEMISTRY MAJOR RICHARD HUGHES '07 HAS BEEN working this summer on a 14-step chemical synthesis that, if accomplished, will construct a hemisphere-shaped molecule called an end-cap out of 60 carbon and 12 hydrogen atoms. The parallel sides of this "armchair" end-cap (named for its uniform jagged edge, which resembles a plush chair) might then be grown into an elongated tube capable of conducting electricity, a nanoscale replacement for the metals, such as copper and aluminum, used in today's circuitry. Hughes is part of a research team that includes nine graduate students and four undergraduates, in the chemistry lab of Professor Lawrence Scott.

"There are three different [types of] nanotubes," Hughes explains, "armchair, zigzag, and chiral [asymmetric]." But only armchair has been shown to conduct electricity. "The problem is, we can make all three"—out of graphite, which results in a jumble of the three nanotube types—"but we can't

separate them." The goal of the research group, according to Scott, is to build armchair nanotubes from the ground up and in uniform size, shape, and directionality—properties necessary for applied use.

Hughes has been attempting to produce cheaply one of the project's two starting materials, "a simple dichlorobenzaldehyde," whose present cost, at \$12 per gram, would likely deter practical applications down the road. He began with a molecule that costs only 1 cent per gram, and experimented with "different temperatures, different time lengths, different catalysts," arriving eventually at a two-step process: First, he treated the molecule with bromine (a fuming, blood-red element), and then with a lithium-based compound and DMF, a solvent. But the mixture was left flush with bromine. Scott suggested combining the steps; it worked, and Hughes has been able to produce the dicholorobenzaldehyde at a cost of \$2 per gram.

A New York native, Hughes began working in the lab almost two years ago, after taking a course with Scott and hearing him describe his research into the construction of



Sociology Professor Juliet Schor and Maggie Ford '07

three-dimensional carbon molecules. Previously, Hughes says, he had "switched over to the business school, because I didn't think chemistry . . . was a good fit for me." But the lab work "completely changed my perspective. I'm back full-time as a chemistry major taking graduate classes," he says, and "I plan on going on to get my Ph.D."

Paul Voosen

Shoppers' shadows

SOCIOLOGY AND ENGLISH DOUBLE MAJOR MAGGIE Ford '07, of Illinois, spent her summer researching what Americans buy, what they discard, and how marketers persuade consumers to do both. As a research assistant to Juliet Schor, a professor of sociology and chair of the department, Ford gathered statistics on U.S. imports, seeking out sources ranging from the federal Bureau of Transportation Statistics to the World Institute for Strategic Economic Research at Holyoke Community College in western Massachusetts. She organized raw information on apparel,

toys, furnishing, footwear, and consumer electronics into tables, charts, and lists—data that became the basis of Schor's latest paper, "The Social Death of Stuff," currently under review at the interdisciplinary *Journal of Consumer Culture*.

"There has been an enormous increase in acquisition of products in the last decade," says Schor. "At the same time, there's been a drop in prices," which has further accelerated the cycle of purchase and discard in this country. "Our research explores the questions, 'Does this reliance on cheap labor affect how the U.S. thinks about the rest of the world?' and 'What does it mean when the rest of the world is wearing U.S. discards?'"

Schor is now embarked on a new study dissecting the content of food advertisements aimed at children, an extension of her 2004 book *Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child and the New Consumer Culture* (Scribner). To collect data, Ford has been recording hours of television programs aired on children's channels such as Nickelodeon, then cataloguing the ads in descriptive lists, charts, and graphs.



Biology Professor Thomas Seyfried, Will Markis '07, and Christine Denny '05, MS'06, a former UFRF fellow and graduate student in Seyfried's lab

According to Ford, a three-hour interval of children's TV can yield more than 60 food advertisements. "They might tout the product's 'cool factor,' edgy style, or 'kid power,'" Ford says. "It's less about taste than about how the food can supposedly change your status."

Cara Feinberg

Cancer starvers

WILL MARKIS '07, A BIOLOGY MAJOR FROM NEW YORK, was one of three UFRF undergraduates working this summer in Professor Thomas Seyfried's biology lab. Seyfried is exploring dietary therapies for epilepsy, neurodegenerative lipid storage diseases (for example, Tay-Sachs), and brain cancer. Markis, who plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biology or neuroscience, joined the lab two years ago as a dishwasher—Seyfried's traditional ground-level job for research assistants—and has focused his efforts on brain cancer research as he has risen through the ranks.

During the past year, Markis worked with graduate stu-

dent Weihua Zhou, Ph.D.'06, testing Seyfried's hypothesis that brain cancer in mice can be managed through a high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet. The research, which Zhou presented as an abstract at the American Association for Cancer Research's 2006 annual meeting, shows that a diet therapy that lowers glucose and elevates blood levels of ketones (substances produced when the body breaks down stored fat for energy) can impede brain tumors in mice without damaging healthy cells. "Most brain cells can burn ketones for energy, but tumor cells cannot," Seyfried says. "If we reduce sugar intake, we basically starve tumor cells to death without harming the rest of the healthy ones."

Markis has learned to implant tumors in mice and has been maintaining two different tumor lines for the lab, in order to perpetuate the supply for experiments; for Zhou's study, he was responsible for measuring the body weight of the mice and for feeding them daily—including weekends—and, on occasion, measuring the size of their tumors. This summer, under Seyfried's supervision, he undertook a project



From left: Whitney Herge '07, graduate student Kristen Lindquist '04, and Psychology Professor Lisa Feldman Barrett

examining the effects of a ketogenic diet on tumor bearing mice placed in a low-oxygen environment. Past research has shown that a low-oxygen (hypoxic) environment reduces the size of tumors in rats, Markis explains, and that elevated ketones can protect normal cells from hypoxic damage. "Our goal," he says of the study, which is still at an early stage, "is to combine the two therapies—and possibly other methods—and target the tumor's metabolic deficiencies while protecting the normal cells."

C.F.

Emotion trackers

FROM JUNE TO AUGUST, WHITNEY HERGE '07, A psychology and English double major from western New York, was an undergraduate research fellow in Lisa Feldman Barrett's emotion research lab, part of a three-person team of undergraduates carrying out a study of the relationship between language and emotional perception, with third-year graduate student Kristen Lindquist '04. The aim of their

investigation, according to Barrett, was a clearer understanding of "what part of emotion is given to us by evolution and genetics, and what is learned or constructed on top of that."

Herge, who plans to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology, worked 35 hours a week out of a small office in McGuinn Hall, scheduling and setting up experiments, collecting and organizing data, and administering hour-long tests to subjects seated before a computer screen that flashed emotion words like "disgust," or "anger." The words would appear either three or 30 times in a row; after each battery, participants were shown two photographs of human faces and asked whether the emotions displayed were the same or different.

"Basically, we create an effect called 'semantic satiation,'" Herge says, explaining that repeating a word many times temporarily renders its meaning less accessible.

As a consequence, says Lindquist, who has been pursuing this line of research since she herself was an undergraduate research fellow in Barrett's lab, participants who saw an emotion word 30 times were slower to interpret facial



Associate Theater Professor Scott Cummings and Sarah Lunnie '08

expressions and were less accurate in doing so. The new data, Lindquist says, provides more evidence for Barrett's assertion that emotions are to some extent culturally relative, dependent on language, and not hardwired.

"Running these experiments and getting a feel for all the steps, rules, and protocols of how to interact with participants has given me a confidence I never would have had to set up an experiment on my own," says Herge, who is planning to investigate the eating behaviors of college students for her senior thesis this fall. Though she entered BC as a pre-med student, "My work [in the psychology lab] showed me career possibilities I hadn't thought of," she says. "I've found something I really enjoy."

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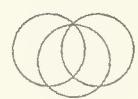
Bookmakers

ASSOCIATE THEATER PROFESSOR SCOTT CUMMINGS often finds his undergraduate research fellows in his introductory theater course, "Dramatic Structure and Theatrical

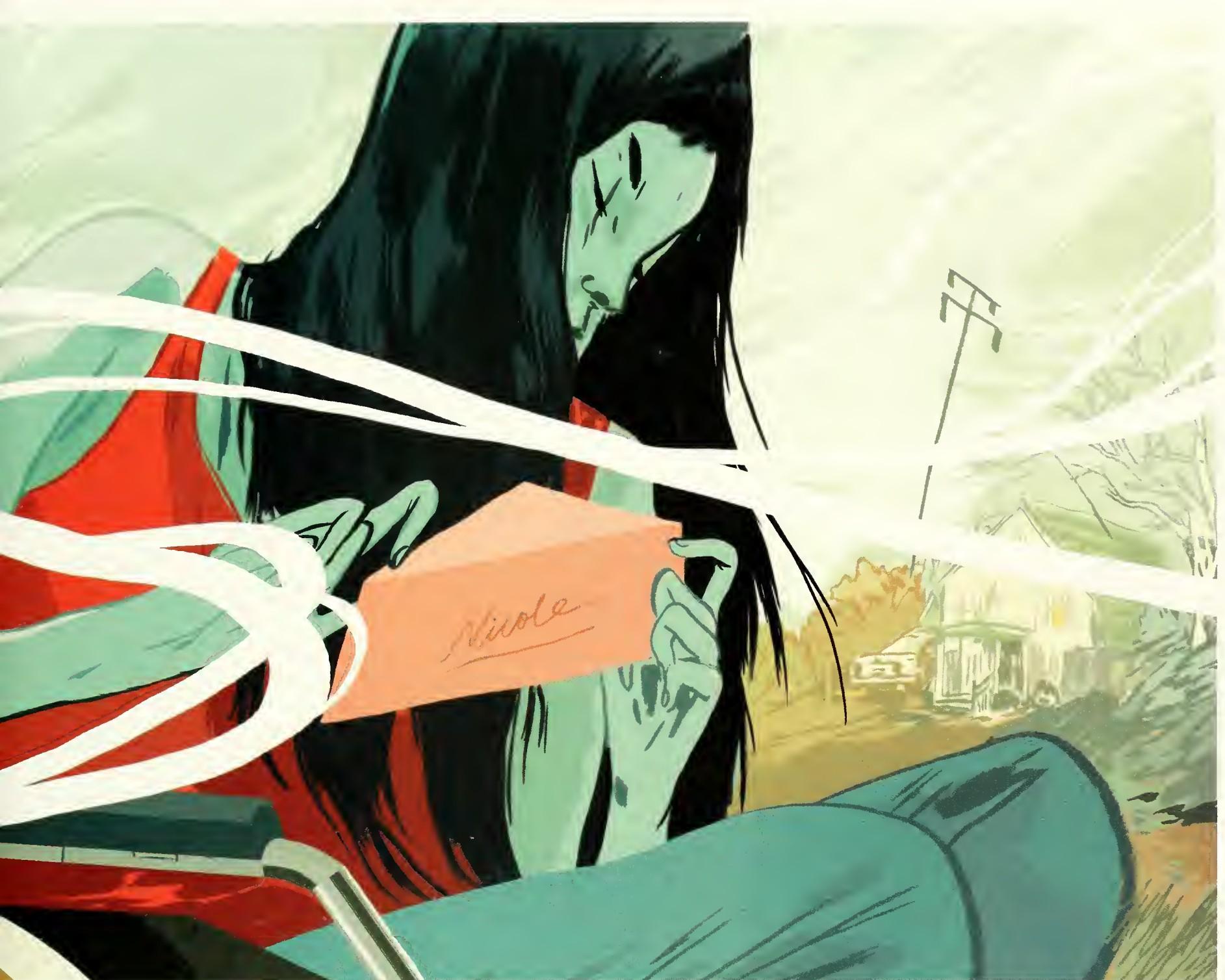
Process," in which most of the students are freshmen. "I tend to snap up the people who can mix the intellectual and the academic with the creative and the practical," Cummings says. Theater and English double major Sarah Lunnie '08, of Connecticut, a student in the Arts & Sciences Honors Program, joined Cummings in June for her second summer as his UFRF assistant. She began working with Cummings after her freshman year, helping with his forthcoming book, *Remaking American Theater: Charles Mee, Aune Bogart, and the SITI Company* (Cambridge). In addition to proofreading, she researched citations and notes, created the bulk of the manuscript's index, and assisted with publicity efforts.

The work "has given me windows into the worlds of scholarly research and the publishing industry," says Lunnie, whose career interests include creative writing, teaching, and theatrical directing. "It's been helpful to me even in terms of thinking about a senior thesis.... I've seen ideas turn into concrete projects," she says. "I know the process has rewards you can't see at the start."

C.F.



A "gripping, gritty novel about crime and redemption in one of America's great cities," is how the Washington Post described Prince of Thieves, Chuck Hogan's most recent book, set in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston. BCM commissioned Hogan (Class of '89) to pen a short story for summer.



THE MARRIAGE PRIVILEGE

by Chuck Hogan '89

AT HOME IN BEVERLY FARMS, SITTING IN HIS FATHER'S STUDY, Miles Bard, Jr., looked small in the oversized calfskin chair. Fellowes, the attorney, said yes to a whiskey, but hadn't touched it yet. The father, Miles Bard, Sr., owner of Bard Industries, walked around and around them, remaining on the periphery of the problem.

"Motor vehicle homicide, operating under the influence," said Fellowes. "This is not going to go away. You are looking at eight hard years, minimum. *Minimum*. That is, if you plea out. If the media heat doesn't inspire the DA to go after

you with straight-up murder. And if your previous DWIs are allowed in? Then much more. You got into a fight earlier that night."

"It wasn't a fight," said Miles. "We passed this wedding reception. I went in, asked if I could kiss the bride."

"It was a gay wedding and you popped the guy on the button. Hilarious. Juries love rich kids. They'll laugh right along with you."

"I was drunk. Blame the state of Massachusetts."

"Yes. We'll put the state on trial. Your personal distress over same-sex marriages caused you to go out and consume 11 Stoli-and-Sprites over a four-hour period and jump the median, killing a man in a Sentra."

Miles Bard shrugged. He was a pretty kid of 23, sharp-featured, hair shiny and black as the wings of a crow. The soft brace on his arm was all he had to show for the head-on collision.

Fellowes said, "The man you killed was a newlywed. Home from his honeymoon less than two weeks. Married his college sweetheart."

"Dumb-ass should have swerved."

"Maybe you should have stayed awake."

"A deer ran out."

"Yes. A deer on Massachusetts Avenue. The first such sighting in Cambridge since the advent of the motor car."

"It's my word against hers."

"Ah. The victim's sister. Do you know where they were coming from? Do you have any idea? An alumni Mass at Boston College. They were driving home from church, brother and sister. You, mister Stoli-and-Sprites? Your word against hers?"

Fellowes eased his grip on the chair back. This was not what he was paid to do. Lecture. Admonish. That was the father's responsibility. Whether he realized it or not.

"A man is dead, and his twin sister is paralyzed from the waist down," said Fellowes. "A 26-year-old woman, a social worker, confined to a wheelchair for life, pointing her finger at you in open court? Have I painted the picture? There is nothing any lawyer in the country, myself included, can do to inoculate you against that. You are going to prison, young Miles. All I can do is gum up the process. Delay the inevitable. Giving you maybe a year or so of freedom."

The chair groaned as Miles sat up, searching out his father. "I had enough trouble in lockup," he said. "This face, what are they going to do to me in prison?"

At least young Bard was afraid of something. Fellowes looked at the father, who had stopped his circuit of the room.

Ice cracked in Bard, Sr.'s, glass. He nodded.

Fellowes reached for his whiskey, downed it, then transferred the check from his folder into his suit pocket. "Maybe there is something you can do," said the lawyer. "Maybe one

thing. A longshot. One in a million, perhaps. But your only chance."

Miles looked up at him, then at his father. A scared little boy, his hands clawing plump armrests. "We're going to kill her?"

Fellowes had never seen a father look at his own offspring with such disgust.



THE MORNING NICOLE WAS RELEASED FROM THE
Spinal Cord Injury Program at Spaulding Rehabilitation, she returned to her rented West Roxbury house to find a brand-new, fully customized, wheelchair-accessible Toyota Rampvan idling at the curb. The driver, upon her inquiry, explained that he was there at her service. But after learning who had hired him, Nicole angrily declined the ride.

Every morning, the van would pull up, the driver tipping his cap, and every morning Nicole refused his offer—sometimes rudely, though the driver's courtesy never wavered. She insisted on taking a taxi van for the disabled to her various appointments: physical therapy, occupational therapy, counseling.

Friends visited frequently, bringing dinners, movies. A small circle, they even set up a schedule to ensure that Nicole would be occupied nightly. The drop-off in participation, which her friends pledged would never occur, inevitably did.

Miles mailed Nicole a letter every day. The first arrived from a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Arizona; later, from his father's home in Beverly Farms.

Depression came and went in cycles, each one stealing away another little piece of the old Nicole.

One hot day, the taxi van did not show up. The Rampvan driver was so patient, so pleasant, Nicole decided to accept his ride, just this once.

A gentlemanly retiree with an ailing wife, he and Nicole struck up a rapport. Nicole accepted another ride, and another, and soon began relying on the van full-time.

Miles stopped mailing his letters, instead trusting them to the driver to be hand-delivered. Nicole accepted them wordlessly, and, if she opened them, never did so in the driver's presence.

Six months after the accident, Fellowes petitioned the court and somehow got Miles's driver's license reinstated.

One morning, as Nicole rolled up the side ramp, she noticed that the regular driver was not there. Realization bloomed into horror as she recognized Miles and, shaking, demanded to be let out. Miles went around to help but she yelled at him to get away, demanding that he call her a taxi van.

The driver's wife was ill, Miles told her. But Nicole would not look at him. She would not speak to him. The taxi arrived and she wheeled aboard.

She refused the Rampvan for the next few days, punishing the driver for his absence, but eventually resumed their comfortable routine.

Two weeks later, Miles was back at the wheel. "Please," he said.

Nicole would not get inside.

"Have you been reading my letters?"

"Why are you doing this?" she said. "Haven't you the human decency to stay away?"

Three weeks later, he was back again.

"What is it you want?" she demanded to know.

"To help you."

It was late. Waiting for a taxi van to be dispatched would mean missing therapy. "Don't you talk to me," she said, as the ramp lowered. "Don't look at me."

Her physical therapy session took place at a local gym. From his stool at the juice bar, Miles saw her through the glass door. Saw her struggling.

"If you want a better therapist," he said, on the way home, "I could get you one."

"Leave me alone."

"Please. Let me do something for you. Anything."

"Stay away. And you can keep your van."

"This van is yours. The driver too."

"You can't buy your way out of this."

"I don't want to. I mean—I don't intend to. I don't expect anything. Please. Just let me help."

Nicole said, "You killed my brother."



MILES REMAINED PATIENT AND PENITENT. EVERY NOW and then he drove. One day Nicole returned home to find the bumpy, insurer-provided front-door ramp gone, and a smoother, wider ramp built in its place. Miles watched her stop before it, then roll up to her door without a word.

Another day, the Rampvan broke down. Furious at having to spend time with him, Nicole occupied herself by grocery shopping. "You seem to be getting around better," Miles said.

She was at the deli counter, trying to get the server's attention. "Don't talk to me."

In the cereal aisle, he said, "I was terrified of going to prison."

"Good."

"But not anymore. I just mean that I no longer dread it. It's an opportunity. That's how I look at everything now. Every day, every minute."

A taxi van returned them to West Roxbury. The grocery bags were too heavy to hang on the back of her chair, so, for the first time, Miles set foot inside her home. Old and small-windowed, with push-button light switches and iron radia-

tors that hissed. Miles noticed gouge marks on the narrow walls, from her chair. "May I use your bathroom?"

"No."

But she did let him. He saw the seat in the tub, the railing installed over the toilet.

She was sitting in the sunlight of the front windows when he emerged. "You hate me," he said. "And you have every right. I can't change or fix what happened, what I did. I can only act in the here and now. Please, let me be of some service to you."

She refused, but for the moment appeared less certain of him.



HE BEGAN COMING INSIDE SOME AFTERNOONS. Straightening up the place. Changing lightbulbs, fetching things from the basement, clearing out high closet shelves. He was something of a butler. Few words passed between them.

One afternoon, Nicole's doorbell brought Miles face to face with Thea, her sister-in-law, the widow of the man Miles had killed. Thea stared at him, the CorningWare pan exploding with a crack as the casserole slipped from her hands. "What are you doing here?" she shouted, pushing past him to check on Nicole. "What are you *thinking*, Nicole?" Thea dialed nine-one-one as Nicole watched from her chair in the corner of the room. "You're getting a restraining order!"



BUT NICOLE DID NOT GET A RESTRAINING ORDER. Miles began bringing her movies, and occasionally watched a few minutes with her. One time they caught themselves laughing at the same thing, and then Nicole became very quiet, and Miles got up and left the room.

He replaced the seat pad and armrests on Nicole's motorized chair. Lifting her back into it was the first time he ever touched her. The frail thinness of her dead legs shocked him. Nicole stared straight ahead the entire time.

Thea never stopped by again. Miles sensed that she and Nicole were no longer talking. Letters from Nicole's lawyers and the district attorney arrived in the mail, but he never looked at them.

Miles was learning how to cook, and began preparing meals for her. He ate in the kitchen, Nicole sitting alone in the dining room, until one night he joined her. Their conversations were generally confined to movies and television shows. At some point she began calling him Miles. The one time he ever brought up her dead brother, he received a quiet yet harsh rebuke. "Never speak Greg's name to me again," Nicole said, shaking. "Not out of your mouth. Never."



HE NEVER AGAIN DID. A FEW DAYS LATER THEY were back on speaking terms.

Together they attended the driver's wife's funeral. Nicole wept at the interment, and Miles did too. At one point he rested his hand upon her shoulder, and she reached up and touched his fingers. Then both hands fell away.

She agreed to let him take her to a small Italian restaurant on the way home. He ordered a soft drink with his meal, explaining how he had not tasted a drop of alcohol since that day. "You do seem to have changed," she said.

"All due to you. For allowing me the opportunity. And by your example."

"My example?"

"Moving on. Facing such adversity and making yourself into something new. And by allowing me to serve you. It gives my life some meaning."

It was late when they arrived home, the latest they had been together. Nicole was exhausted, and Miles removed her shoes so she wouldn't have to, then bid her good night.



THE TRIAL DATE, AFTER TWO PROTRACTED DELAYS, was set to begin in five weeks.

Nicole grew more and more nervous, and Miles sought to reassure her. "All you have to do is tell them what happened that night."

"I can never forgive you," she told him later.

He said, "I wouldn't let you if you tried."

"But it's no secret. I've come to rely on you. I don't know what I'll do after. It will be lonely around here."

He assured her that he felt the same. Then, with just two weeks until the trial, and still so much unsaid between them, Miles broke down one night at dinner. "I have a terrible confession to make. All this—at first—was my father's lawyer's suggestion."

"All what?"

"The Rampvan. The letters. But you must believe me that, over time, everything has changed."

"What suggestion?" she said.

"It's something called the 'Marriage Privilege.' Massachusetts law exempts a person from testifying against his or her spouse, even about events that occurred prior to their marriage. He told me it was my only chance to stay free. The man is a crook—they're all crooks, my father included. Scoundrels and thieves. But I have no fear of prison now. It is only right that I should atone. As I have tried to do here, in serving you." Nicole remained still as Miles went on. "This is very awkward, what I am saying. But I can't imagine leaving you now. I don't exist anywhere else, except here, in this house. With you. If it was just me, I wouldn't care about prison. I'd welcome it. But . . . what about you?"

After some time, Nicole said, "Marriage?"

"I could provide for you. At the very least. My father's money, my place in his company. I could build us a bigger house. All the special things you need. Of course, I would never expect you to love me. But there are reasons to marry beyond love—don't you think?"

She stared, thunderstruck.

"I know," he said. "And it would be so awkward for you, what others would think. My fate is entirely in your hands—as it should be, as it has been ever since that terrible night. It is for you to decide. What is best and right for you—and you alone."



THE CASE WAS DISMISSED WITH A SINGLE CRACK OF the gavel. "A terrible violation of ordinary moral decency," decreed the judge. But Nicole just sat there, unmoved.

Bailiffs held Thea back as she fought to get to the defense table, swearing wildly at Miles. Her cursing faded to anguished sobs as Miles wheeled Nicole away through a side door. They sat alone together in a clerk's room, holding hands, not saying anything, waiting for the Rampvan to pull around to the rear exit in order that they might avoid the media.

Miles began to feel that a great weight had been lifted.



FELLOWES WATCHED MILES BARD, SR., READ ABOUT his son in the newspaper, while the genuine article sat before his desk.

The father said, "I don't know whether to congratulate you or spit on you."

"No prenup," Fellowes reminded Bard, Sr. "You're exposed here. Miles's shares in the company, the personal family assets in his name. A divorce will be costly, much more so than a Rampvan and some home improvements." He looked at the son sitting deeply in the dimpled leather chair. "How long are you willing to play this out?"

"Six months," said young Miles. "Then I'll get the marriage annulled. She's paralyzed from the waist down, right? And all the charges have been summarily dismissed." On Fellowes's look, he said, "She can keep the house."

The newspaper rustled as it was folded and set aside. "If only you'd applied yourself to the company with such ruthless determination," said Bard, Sr. "But that doesn't hold your interest, does it. The legitimate world."

The old man had come late to fatherhood, building a corporation instead of raising a son, and this was the result. Someone he did not know; a creature with half his genes and none of his respect. A creature who frightened him. And to whom he could never say No again.

Fellowes watched Miles cross to the mirror-backed bar. "Should you?" said Fellowes.

Miles toasted himself with a glass of bourbon. "I earned this."



FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS, EVERYTHING WAS THE same between them. It was decided that Miles would sleep at his father's while the Dover house remodeling continued. Nicole began to notice that his afternoon errands were taking longer. One Friday evening he came in muttering to himself and fell asleep on her sofa.

Dinners together dropped off. Miles cooked less and ordered takeout more. He didn't always stay and keep her company. On some days, there was no dinner at all.

He chauffeured her to her appointments, but was not always there waiting when she finished. "Where were you?" she would ask, when he returned.

"Nowhere," he would answer, with an empty smile.

Her home grew shabby as Miles let his cleaning duties slide. Nicole did most of the packing for the move.

"You've changed," she told him, confronting him one rainy afternoon. "Do you think I don't know you're drinking again?"

Miles bared a knife-blade smile. Nicole could see, behind his eyes, every hateful thing he wanted to say to her. He went out, staying away for days.

When he returned, he pretended nothing had happened. He expected relief from her, maybe even forgiveness, but Nicole did not crumble. Instead, she watched him all the time. Judging him. He feigned indifference, but his discomfort was evident. Her gaze haunted him.

Moving day was a joyless affair. Miles spent much of it talking on his phone to people Nicole had never met. The ride from West Roxbury to Dover passed in silence, and she felt herself crossing a line that she could never cross back over. An onlooker might have thought they were downgrading from a fully accessible three-bedroom showplace to an underfurnished rental, rather than the other way around.

Inside her new home, Nicole rode the brass-gated lift to the second floor. She rolled along the wide and silent hallway into the master bedroom suite, where her steel-framed hospital bed looked small.

Had Miles looked in on her that first evening, he would have seen that the only item Nicole had unpacked was a framed photograph of herself and Greg, the two twins laughing and dancing at Greg's wedding. Instead, he retired directly to the bed in the guest room.



MILES AWOKE TO FIND HIS WRISTS BOUND BEHIND his back. He tried to stand, but a cord around his neck tethered him to the headboard.

The lamps came on brightly inside the newly painted

room. Miles squinted and blinked at the intruder. She wore a black sweatshirt and pale latex gloves, her hair tucked up inside a knit cap.

Thea, the widow. A small silver revolver trembled in her hand.

"Nicole!" Miles called out, when he could dislodge the word from his throat.

Thea's jaw quivered as she pulled a photograph from her pocket and showed it to Miles from the foot of the bed. Her wedding photo.

Thea told him about her life with Greg. How they met, what his hobbies were, his favorite movies, sports, foods. She took Miles through their wedding day, from breakfast with her parents to the farewell dance. She told him all about Bermuda, what they did each hour of their honeymoon. And the last time she saw Greg, kissing him goodbye that afternoon in the kitchen of their Somerville apartment. She swiped angry tears on her sleeve at the end, the revolver trembling all the more.

Miles saw that she was working herself up into a killing. "You'll never get away with this!" he cried, through the choking neck cord. "Even if you kill us both!"

Thea said, "You haven't figured it out by now?"

Tires whispered over carpet as Nicole rolled in through the wide door. She wore a long, sheer white nightgown, barefoot and delicate-looking in the chair, even lovely.

Thea never broke aim on Miles. "Nine months ago, I bought this gun. Never fired it. Reported it stolen in a break-in two months later. I have an alibi for tonight, not foolproof, but good enough. These gloves hide my fingerprints, the hat keeps in my hair. Leaving only Nicole as a witness. She will tell the police the truth of what she sees here tonight. Because we want your father to know. Who will be running Bard Industries alongside him from now on. And who will inherit everything after he is gone. The same two women who avenged their own losses by murdering his degenerate son."

"Inherit everything . . . ?" The cord was too tight.

"There are reasons to marry beyond love," said Nicole, sitting ghostlike in the chair. "Your own words, Miles. Couldn't one of those reasons be revenge?"

Thea said, "Without any proof that I was ever inside this house, my criminal conviction will hang on one thing. Nicole's eyewitness testimony in a court of law. Which she will be exempted from giving." The revolver stopped trembling as Thea aimed it at Miles's heart. "You got away with murder. Why can't we?"

"You see, Miles," explained Nicole, "Thea and I, we are going to be married." ■

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First year

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Benedict's papacy is not what some expected

James Weiss, an associate professor in Boston College's theology department, tells of hearing from a friend shortly after Pope Benedict XVI issued his first encyclical early this year. The friend asked, "What is he condemning now?"

Benedict's reputation preceded him when he was elevated to the papacy in April 2005. As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prefect of the Vatican's Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he had become known widely for his investigations into theological dissent by Catholic theologians, as well as for admonishing the faithful, including Catholic politicians, against complicity in social evils—legal abortion and same-sex marriage, especially.

Yet, at an April 5 forum titled "Pope Benedict After One Year," Weiss and three other members of BC's theology department agreed that Benedict has thus far transcended Ratzinger, in this fresh

pontificate. "Benedict XVI's style has brought a major surprise," said Weiss, a Church historian. He "has not lowered the boom. He has not cracked down on persons or trends in the Church as expected. And on numerous occasions where he could have denounced the culture of relativism, he has conspicuously refrained from doing so."

That last reference was to a homily delivered hours before the start of the conclave to select a new pope, in which then Cardinal Ratzinger condemned an imperiously dissolute culture, unrestrained by truth and morality, a "dictatorship of relativism that recognizes nothing as absolute and which only leaves the 'I' and its whims as the ultimate measure." At the time, the chances of such a polarizing figure as Ratzinger emerging as pontiff seemed remote, in the judgment of analysts like Theology Professor Thomas Groome,



Benedict XVI, celebrating Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, on December 8, 2005.

who heads BC's Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry.

At the late-afternoon forum held in McGuinn 121, Groome gamely acknowledged that both the papal election and the first papal year turned out contrary to his expectations. "Among other surprising things is the slow start he has made. He certainly gave us the impression as Cardinal Ratzinger that he thought there were many things seriously awry in the Church, and we just presumed he would rush in to fix them," Groome said. "In fact, it [the first year] has been fairly uneventful."

During the discussion, held by BC's Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life and moderated by its director, Political Science Professor Alan Wolfe, much of the focus was on what the German pope has *not* done or said.

Last August, in his major sermon at the World Youth Day gathering in Cologne,

"He did not denounce contemporary youth culture, as expected," Weiss said. Nor has Benedict made provocative statements about the Islamic world, which he did as Cardinal Ratzinger (for example, in August 2004, airing his view that Turkey did not belong in the European Union, being culturally "in permanent contrast to Europe"). And in his only encyclical to date, *Deus Caritas Est* ("God is love"), made public on January 25, Benedict praised sexual love as a manifestation of divine love but did not press the issue of homosexuality, recounted Weiss. Even the Vatican's decree against homosexuals in seminaries, last November, left discretion to the local bishops.

What's more, the papal door has not been closed to the controversial priest-scholar Hans Kung as it was during John Paul's long reign. Last September, Benedict welcomed Kung for a private dinner and spent what the Holy See later

described as four "friendly" hours with the dissenting theologian, with whom he had served as a scholarly *periti* (Latin for "expert") at the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. The two reportedly did not discuss the matter of Kung's authorization to teach as a Catholic theologian, revoked by the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 1979, two years before Ratzinger became its prefect.

"The promise here is that Benedict does listen," said Kenneth Himes, a Franciscan priest and the theology department chair, noting the Kung encounter. Himes added that he believes the pope is distinguishing between Roman Catholic dogma, on which he is a stalwart, and practical matters of pastoral judgment, about which he appears to be "quite dialogical."

When Ratzinger ascended to the papacy, testimonies to his many excellent qualities would have seemed unlikely coming

from liberal or mainstream American theologians and commentators like those at the forum. But during her presentation Associate Theology Professor Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, described Benedict as "a very humble man. He is also very erudite and cultured and a true teacher, as well as, I would say—even though I am not in complete agreement with him all the time—a really good theologian." Commenting on a series of talks given by the pope on basic doctrinal themes, the Immaculate Heart of Mary sister stretched her eyes wide open as if to show surprise at hearing her own words: "There's nothing [in those talks] that I could disagree with."

Some of these plaudits reflected less reverently upon the man whom many lift up as "John Paul the Great." While the late pope "tried to be the pastor of the planet, Benedict tries to be the self-effacing steward of a tradition," Weiss submitted. "Benedict does not see Western history culminating in his own millennial significance, as John Paul did. Rather for Benedict, being pope is about the office, not the personality." Picking up that baton, Groome ventured to say, "Benedict seems in some ways to be more of a pope than John Paul was, more in keeping with the tradition of the papacy, not speaking his own personal theology as readily because he knows he's now representing the consensus faith of our Church."

There were some boundaries, though, in this bonding between the panelists and the pontiff. Unease about his intentions toward Islam surfaced more than once during the conversation.

In the past year, statements from the Holy See have seemed to augur a recalibration of John Paul II's deferential tack toward Islam. Although Benedict has not repeated his past complaints about Islamic inroads into "Christian" Europe, he has pushed for better treatment of Christians in Muslim lands, and, in a reference to terrorism, stated last August that Christians and Muslims must "turn back the wave of cruel fanaticism that endangers the lives of so many people." On May 15, Benedict articulated a doctrine of "reciprocity," which essentially holds that if the religious rights of Muslims are respected in historically Christian countries, then Islamic countries should offer their Christian

minorities equal respect. "Benedict is starting to play a much tougher game in his relations to Islam," said Himes. "I'm not judging whether that's right or wrong. I'm just suggesting there's a risk there, and it's not clear at this point how that's going to play itself out."

In Himes's view, another "foreboding" aspect of the new pontificate is Benedict's treatment of social justice in his otherwise lauded encyclical. The other three panelists echoed Himes's vexation with what he characterized as the encyclical's "exaltation of charity at the risk of eclipsing justice," and specifically the pope's suggestion that the Church concern itself with charity and leave justice to the state (which, on the face of it, contradicts past

papal pronouncements that the promotion of justice is an indispensable part of the Church's mission).

Left to be seen is how the 79-year-old pope will handle the continuing clergy sexual abuse crisis and a raft of other internal Church questions such as the status of women, though Groome made a daring prediction that the Vatican would at least investigate the possibility of ordaining women to the permanent diaconate, a ministry now open only to men. Such an advance would be tokenism, he conceded—"but I think it would be a lovely token." ■

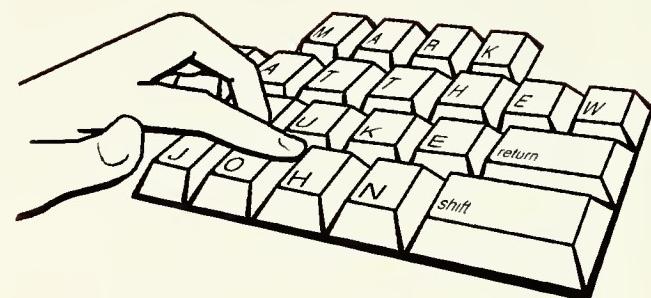
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Distance learning

Boston College's Center for Christian-Jewish Learning is offering a self-paced online tutorial that explores the similarities and differences in the evangelists' portrayals of the Passion of Jesus. Entitled "The Death of Jesus: Four Gospel Accounts," the program was developed by the center's executive director, Philip Cunningham, in conjunction with C21 Online.

"The story of the Passion has been one of the neuralgic, violence-provoking aspects of the relationship between Christians and Jews," said Cunningham in an interview. For that reason, he said, "providing sound Catholic biblical awareness of the text is something we strive for" in support of the center's mission of promoting understanding between Christians and Jews. The free tutorial can be accessed at www.bc.edu/passiontutorial.

The tutorial examines accounts of the death of Jesus as presented by Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John, taking participants through the story of Jesus' final hours in five scenes that appear in all four Gospels: the arrest in the garden; Jesus before the high priests; Jesus before the Roman prefect; the execution; and the burial. The program provides a timeline of the Gospels' production, as well as discussions of source texts, traditions, and social and political contexts.



According to Cunningham, who is also a professor of theology, the tutorial grew out of a series of lectures on the Passion accounts that he gave at several Boston-area parishes, and he provides the audio narration in the online version. The program uses the same e-learning system, WebCT, used by many BC faculty to enhance the classroom experience.

The tutorial debuted on March 31, during Lent, and reflects a desire on the part of the center and C21 Online to expand the use of distance-learning tools. The site has received more than 400 visitors to date, and nearly a thousand visits in all. A similar tutorial about the infancy narratives in the Gospels is in the planning stage. "It's a simpler task," said Cunningham, because there are only two Gospels—Matthew and Luke—that present Jesus' infancy.

The Center for Christian-Jewish Learning was established in 2000. The center facilitates research, offers courses, maintains a website (www.bc.edu/cjl), and sponsors lectures, programs, and conferences.

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Msgr. John Tracy Ellis (right) with Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell, June 19, 1961

High-minded

by William Bole

Fifty years ago, U.S. Catholics were accused of failing their intellectual tradition. What's changed?

Some years ago, the neoconservative Catholic intellectual Michael Novak gave wry praise to the instructors who taught him philosophy and theology at Catholic institutions in the 1950s. They had, he recollects, "some of the finest minds of the 15th century."

Historian Eugene McCarragher of Villanova University related the backhand-

ed tribute while serving up a slice of his argument at an April 30 forum titled "State of Mind: The Intellectual Life of American Catholics," sponsored by a host of BC entities including the president's office and this magazine. McCarragher shared the stage with Jesuit theologian Michael J. Buckley and Notre Dame's Professor of Law and Theology M. Cathleen Kaveny.

The forum, which brought together about 150 people on a Sunday afternoon in Corcoran Commons, marked the 50th anniversary of a persistently influential critique of the American Catholic mind.

That critique had flowed forcefully from the pen of Msgr. John Tracy Ellis, who died in 1992 and was known as "the dean" of American Catholic Church historians. Ellis wrote his essay "American Catholics and the Intellectual Life" in 1955 (a book of the same title was published a year later), and it rattled American Catholic higher education. In the essay, printed in Fordham University's journal *Thought*, Ellis applied fairly objective measures, such as how frequently Catholics were published in prestigious journals, and exposed the meagerness of scholarly output among U.S. Catholics across the disciplines. He traced this tired showing to a defensive mind-set pervasive

among Catholics, as well as to a failure to measure up to the best of Catholic academic traditions. Looking beyond higher education at the general population, Ellis lamented that the “vast majority of [American] Catholics remained relatively impervious to the intellectual movements of their time.”

Catholicism in America was still an immigrant Church at the time of Ellis’s writing, and Ellis was mindful of the barriers raised by poverty and anti-Catholic prejudice. But when enumerating reasons for the intellectual sluggishness he saw, he listed, with other explanations, “the absence of a love of scholarship for its own sake” even among many Catholic scholars and administrators.

It is fair to say Catholic higher education in this country “has come a long way” since then, University President William P. Leahy, SJ, noted in his greeting at the forum, though he added, “There’s a lot more to be done.” Today, leaders like Leahy are more likely to ask not simply if Catholics are making a contribution to the nation’s intellectual life, but if they are

Catholic intellectuals and what he considers their unwillingness to examine American institutions through the lens of Catholic social thought. “In and out of the university, Catholic intellectuals must blaspheme the totem of the market-state, the canon law and theodicy that goes by the name of economics, and the civil religion of American nationalism,” said McCarragher, who is the author of *Christian Critics: Religion and the Impasse in Modern American Social Thought* (2000).

As McCarragher’s remarks suggest, questions about the state of Catholic intellectual life are more value-laden than they once were. They are more contentious as well.

Agreeing that “Catholic scholarship is more than simply scholarship done by Catholics,” Buckley, who is the author of *The Catholic University as Promise and Project: Reflections in a Jesuit Idiom* (1998), offered his own definition, holding that “Catholic scholarship is engaged whenever any area of human culture or knowledge is pushed to its ultimate.” He described Catholic scholarship as an advancement of knowledge that addresses the intersections

IN HIS FAMOUS ESSAY, ELLIS MADE the point that not only Catholics but Americans as a whole appear lacking in a love of reading, are not particularly fond of surpassing intellect, are attached to material things more than to the life of the mind, and are excessively practical and result-oriented. Kaveny of Notre Dame suggested that these four qualities are at least as manifest today as in the 1950s.

Kaveny described what she termed an “instrumental account of the intellect” in American culture: “Our minds in this vision are our tools. We use them to get what we want. They are not us.” Americans’ intellectual modus operandi, she said, is usually to marshal evidence for positions already arrived at, and not to engage in an unfolding search for truth. Kaveny, who sees ideological think tanks and Web blogs as exemplars of this skewed application of brain-power, noted that the Internet is “the perfect vehicle for obtaining information for the instrumental mind. You Google, you get your result . . . it’s over in an instant.”

As Kaveny sees it, there are growing cadres of well-intentioned Catholics entering public arguments as partisans rather than as pursuers of a truth they may not yet fully possess. She cited, by way of example, young Catholics on college campuses who claim for themselves and the Church “the culture of life” over and against the broader society’s “culture of death.” Kaveny concluded that in both Church and society, “I think the task of intellectuals is to combat the instrumentalization of the intellect, not feed it, by emphasizing how knowledge changes a person, how becoming wiser, becoming more fully integrated in the world as it is, actually changes who you are, for the better.”

If Ellis’s critique applies today, that is not what BC Associate Academic Vice President Patricia DeLeeuw heard after she assigned it recently to her graduate Church-history students. In her remarks as forum moderator, DeLeeuw related that her students “thought the piece interesting, a bit hyperbolic—and a relic of a distant and very different past.” She and others in the room on April 30 seemed not nearly so sure. ■

The “State of Mind” forum may be viewed in full at www.bc.edu/frontrow.

making a distinctively *Catholic* contribution. It is an approach that Villanova’s McCarragher favors too.

“It would be silly to deny that the quality of scholarship at Catholic universities has risen in the last half-century,” McCarragher said. But his praise was qualified. Ellis had placed an exceptional value on Catholics achieving not only respectability but “commanding influence” in scholarly circles, and over the latter mark McCarragher threw doubt.

The Villanova professor argued that Catholic intellectuals have often shied away from etching their faith into the “conceptual architecture of their disciplines.” Although he spread the blame widely, he pointed particularly at neoconservative

of faith and culture and embodies understandings about God’s action in the world and what it means to be human. As one possible illustration, he noted that a scholar who sought to grasp something about the meaning of human life through the human genome would be drawn into a deeply Catholic pursuit.

Movement toward meaning and truth in any discipline is “inchoatively religious,” Buckley posited, which is not to say “quantum mechanics or dancing or exploration is religion or theology,” but that the drive of the human mind is toward ultimate questions. He left unsaid whether today’s American Catholic intellectuals as a class are advancing knowledge in this way, to any remarkable degree.

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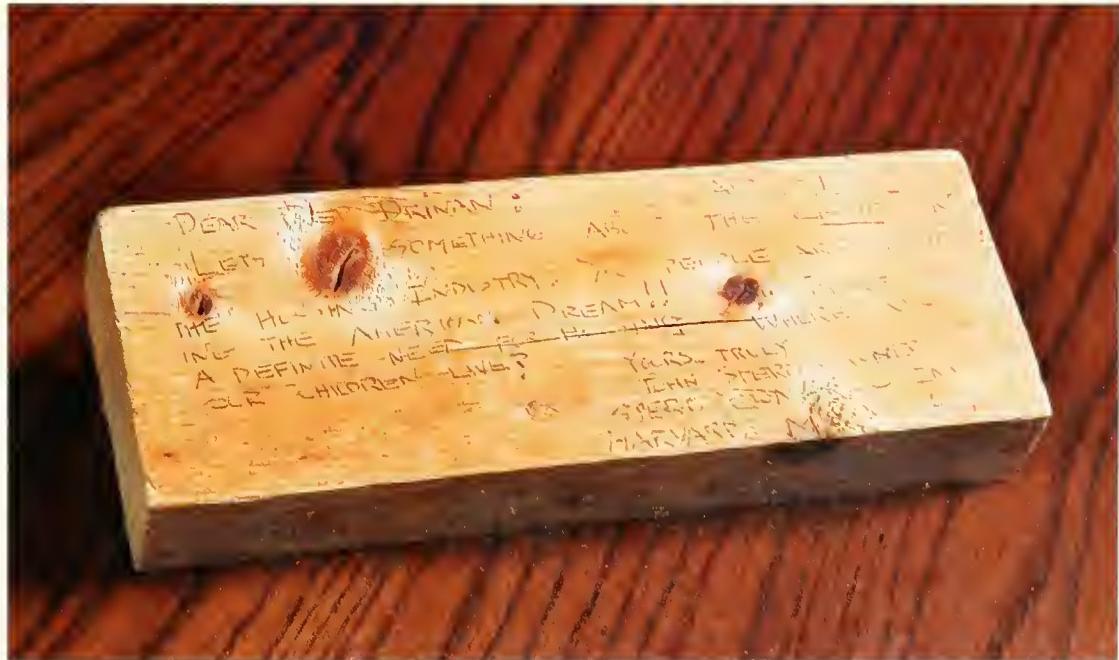
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The flies of a champion

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In the spring of 1980, with high interest rates holding back housing starts, U.S. builders launched a letter-writing campaign aimed at Congress. Robert F. Drinan, SJ, '42, former dean of Boston College's Law School, was serving as a representative from Massachusetts (1971–81). He received this message, one of many sent to congressmen on pieces of two-by-four: "Let's do something about the crisis in the Housing Industry. You people are destroying the American Dream!! There is a definite need for housing. Where will our children live?" The letter resides in a collection of Drinan's papers and other materials at the Burns Archives.





George Armstrong Custer, photographed between 1860 and 1865

CUSTER'S FIELD

by James S. Brust, Brian C. Pohanka, and Sandy Barnard '65

At the Little Bighorn, the camera doesn't lie. Nor does it banish all illusions

THE 12 COMPANIES—MORE THAN 600 MEN—MAKING up Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer's Seventh U.S. Cavalry were part of a military campaign whose purpose was to subdue the Sioux and Northern Cheyenne of the northern plains and force them onto reservations. Having marched six weeks from Fort Abraham Lincoln in the Dakota Territory, the Seventh was in pursuit of an estimated 800 Indian warriors headed west toward the Little Bighorn River in the Montana Territory, on June 22, 1876. As the cavalry neared the river, Custer divided his troops into four battalions: He ordered three companies to ford the river and charge an Indian village in the valley, three to scout to the southwest, and one to remain on the back trail guarding the pack train. He kept five companies with him and headed north on the high bluffs above the river, perhaps seeking to flank the village from that direction. He didn't know that the Indian forces in the area had more than doubled since the last report. On

June 25, all of the Seventh's battalions engaged in fierce fighting and took heavy casualties; of the 210 men who rode with Custer, none survived.

As James S. Brust, Brian C. Pohanka, and Sandy Barnard '65 observe in their recent book, *Where Custer Fell: Photographs of the Little Bighorn Battlefield Then and Now*, "The dust had hardly settled on the field when 'Custer's Last Stand' assumed the status of legend . . . heavily mantled in mythology, recrimination, and dispute." For more than 10 years the authors made frequent trips to the battlefield, seeking to align what exists there today with the images found in old photographs. Excerpts from their close comparison of the historical and archaeological record with period photographs follow. The images do not lay bare what happened on Custer's Ridge, or why, the authors say, "but they do elaborate upon it, and perhaps they can guide us a little closer to the unknowable truth."



Scouts

WHEN PHOTOGRAPHER EDWARD S. CURTIS VISITED THE Little Bighorn Battlefield in 1907, three of the Crow Indians who served as scouts for Colonel Custer accompanied him (above). In all, six Crow scouts had guided the Seventh Cavalry to the Little Bighorn River. Two of them, White Swan and Half Yellow Face, went into battle with Major Marcus A. Reno when he crossed the river and attacked the Indian village on the western side. The other four were with Custer's battalion until shortly before he engaged the Sioux and Cheyenne on the eastern side. One of them, Curley, became well known after the battle. Word spread that he was the only survivor of Custer's ill-fated command, a claim he never actually made, and he was photographed and interviewed repeatedly. Curley's fellow Custer scouts—White Man Runs Him, Goes Ahead, and Hairy Moccasin—received scant attention until Curtis invited them to show him around the field and tell him about the battle.

The three scouts' narrative differed sharply from the accepted story, most markedly in their assertion that Custer had paused for 45 minutes on a high point on the bluffs, where he watched Reno's defeat and declined to go to the major's aid. Troubled by this account, Curtis consulted with President Theodore Roosevelt, who advised him not to print it. Curtis agreed and published instead a vague description of the fight, a confusingly marked map, and a few photographs, attracting little attention.

For the rest of his life, Curtis quietly continued to believe that Custer had witnessed the rout of Reno's troops and done nothing. His original manuscript describing the scouts' story was entrusted to his son, with instructions to eventually donate it to a museum. The Smithsonian Institution received the Curtis papers in 1988. A short time later, a group of previously unknown Curtis glass-plate negatives surfaced.

This photo was made from one of those. Here White Man Runs Him, mounted in the central foreground, along with Goes Ahead (standing) and Hairy Moccasin (mounted on the right), pose looking in the direction where the Indian village, site of Reno's valley fight, had been. Few if any scholars of the battle accept the story of Custer's idle wait, but this photograph, taken on the northern hump of the western side of Weir Point, is the historical document that most accurately tells us where the three Crow scouts said it took place.



Calhoun and Crittenden's last stand

AS THE BURIAL PARTIES MADE THEIR WAY ACROSS CUSTER'S field on June 28, 1876, those whose course took them over the elevation at the southern end of Custer's Ridge, known today as Calhoun Hill (above), were impressed that the soldiers who perished there had put up a considerable fight. The amount of expended ammunition, evidenced by the shell cases from Springfield carbines, the patterns of those cases on the ground, and the locations of the bodies indicated a degree of tactical cohesion not apparent elsewhere on the battlefield. Most of the dead were men of Company L, commanded by First Lieutenant James Calhoun, the husband of Custer's sister, Margaret (whose other brothers, Tom and Boston, also perished in the fight). Calhoun's body was found at the northern edge of his company's position, and nearby lay the corpse of his junior officer, Second Lieutenant John J. Crittenden.

"We found Lieutenant Calhoun . . . in the rear of the first platoon of his company," reported Lieutenant Winfield Scott Edgerly. "About 20 or 30 feet from there was Lieutenant Crittenden lying in the rear of the second platoon, both about 15 or 20 feet in [the] rear of their platoons." This would seem to indicate not only that the officers of Company L had died in their proper places, but also that the two platoons had been fighting back to back, in a defensive perimeter.

Captain Myles Moylan, Calhoun's brother-in-law and a member of the burial party, said that he counted 40 shell cases by one of the corpses. If fired by a single individual, that number would indicate that the trooper in question had exhausted the available rounds in his cartridge belt. Lieutenant Calhoun's body was found surrounded by shell casings from his revolver, indicating close-range fighting.

The bodies of all the soldiers received a hasty burial. A year later, in the spring of 1877, the army sent an expedition to the Little Bighorn to recover the remains of the officers. Crittenden's father, General Thomas Leonidas Crittenden, wrote to General Philip Sheridan of the Western command, "I respectfully request that the body of my son . . . be left in the grave in which he was buried, and on the field where he fell." Thus Crittenden was left the only officer buried on the battlefield. His marker, with footstone, is seen on the left of this 1912 photograph taken by Elsa Spear. Spear captioned it "Lieut. Crittenden's grave"; beneath Calhoun's stone, at right, she wrote "Lieut. Calhoun marker." In 1931, Crittenden's remains were moved to the battlefield cemetery and reburied.



First view

THE HAUNTING VIEW OPPOSITE, TAKEN MOST LIKELY ON July 7, 1877, one year and 12 days after the battle, is the earliest photograph of the Little Bighorn Battlefield. Both the photograph and the man who made it were virtually unknown for more than a century; the image did not surface until 1990.

At the time of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, no permanent settlements existed on the plains of eastern Montana Territory. Only the nomadic encampments of native tribes dotted the countryside. That changed quickly after the battle, with the establishment of military bases in the area. The first of these was Cantonment Tongue River, the forerunner of Fort Keogh, which was set up at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Tongue rivers in late August 1876, two months after Custer's defeat.

John H. Fouch arrived at Cantonment Tongue River from Minnesota in December 1876 and would become Fort Keogh's first photographer. That he ever reached and photographed the battlefield remained unclear until James S. Brust, MD, a collector of historical photographs, obtained this image at a swap meet in Long Beach, California, 113 years later.

Fouch's view, looking west toward the Little Bighorn River, was taken from the top of Custer Hill (also known as Last Stand Hill), where a large granite monument now rests. Horse bones fill the immediate foreground, most prominently two skulls, one with the mane still attached—bespeaking the early date of this picture. A boot top can be seen, as well. Just beyond the first group of bones is another, marked by a wooden burial stake and clustered around what seems to be a shallow pit. Some of the bones appear human, but in fact, all are from animals.

Post-battle eyewitnesses described the top of Custer Hill as a small knoll, some 30 feet in diameter: About 10 bodies were found there, including that of Colonel Custer near the southwestern rim of the elevation; six horses lay in a convex perimeter on the east side. Fouch's photograph matches these accounts. The horse bones in the foreground were the eastern convex perimeter. Just beyond the wooden burial stakes, the terrain falls off down the steep slope of the hill, and the view continues through the relatively flat drainage below. On the right, the landscape slopes up toward the present cemetery area, and on the left border of the picture, Deep Ravine can just be seen. There some 28 soldiers reportedly met a dreadful end, though their bodies were never recovered and the site remains without death markers. The tree-lined river horizontally crosses the landscape, with the distant horizon beyond.

Fouch titled this photograph "The place where Custer Fell." A second photo of the battle site, "View Down the Ravine on the Custer field," is listed among the preprinted titles on the reverse of Fouch's stereo cards, kept by his descendants. That photo, potentially of great historical importance if it shows Deep Ravine a year after the battle, remains undiscovered. ■

A mother's comfort

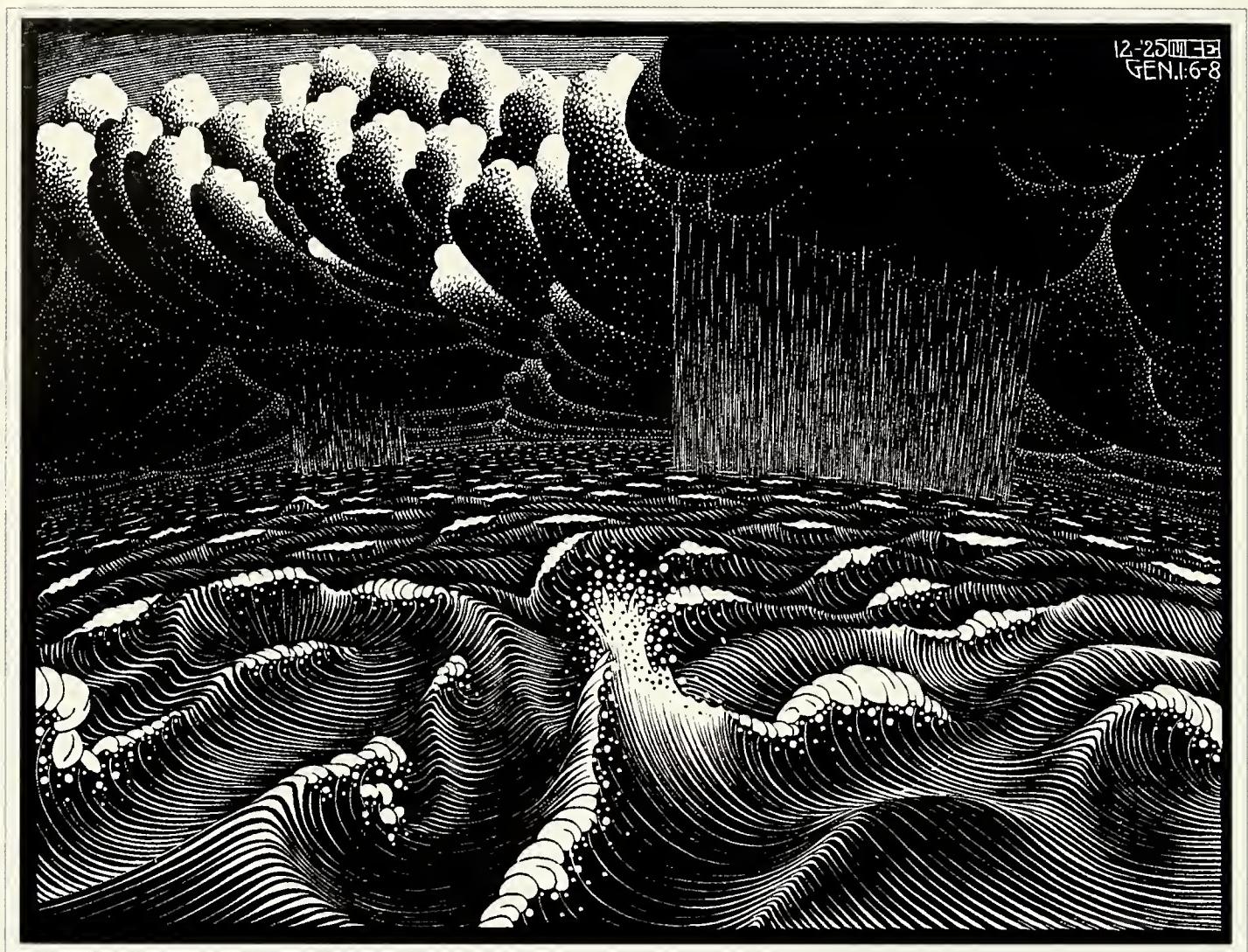
IN 1876, GEORGE ARMSTRONG CUSTER WAS ACTUALLY THE second-ranking officer of the Seventh U.S. Cavalry. Command of the regiment belonged to Colonel Samuel D. Sturgis. However, the 54-year-old Sturgis was on detached service as commander of the Cavalry Depot in St. Louis for almost two years prior to the Battle of the Little Bighorn, placing Custer in field command. But another Sturgis fought and died with the Seventh Cavalry—the colonel's son, Second Lieutenant James G. Sturgis, who on the day of the battle was riding with Custer in Company E.

Lieutenant Sturgis's body was never identified, but his bloody clothing and perhaps his decapitated head were found in the nearby Indian village. Troubled that her son's body had not been located, the grieving Mrs. Jerusha Sturgis was allowed to visit the battlefield in June 1878 (no doubt aided by the fact that she was the wife of a high-ranking officer) to learn what she could of her son's fate. Escorted to the Little Bighorn by Colonel Nelson A. Miles and a contingent of Fifth U.S. Infantry soldiers, Mrs. Sturgis found a well-marked grave for her son. The grave was spurious, set up by unknown compassionate hands to relieve her at least of the anguish of thinking that her son had been buried as an unknown.

When photographer Stanley J. Morrow traveled to the battlefield in the spring of 1879, the grave was still in place. It consisted of a mound of stones and earth, with a crude wooden cross lettered "Lt. Sturgis 7th Cav June 25, 76." In Morrow's stereophotograph (above), the landscape falls away toward the Little Bighorn River, a loop of which can be seen in the distance. Morrow's title, "Supposed grave of Lieut. Sturgis," indicates that he knew the grave was not real. The historical record leaves no doubt that Sturgis's body was never identified, and the fictitious grave would eventually disappear, leaving Lieutenant Sturgis again unmarked on the field. In 1910, the superintendent of the battlefield, Oscar Wright, set a stone for him, a couple of yards to the left of where the spurious grave had stood. Wright may have used the Morrow photograph as a guide.

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The Second Day of Creation, M.C. Escher, 1925

IN THE BEGINNING

by Kenneth R. Miller

A biologist's peace with faith and evolution

EVERY SPRING, I TEACH GENERAL BIOLOGY IN A LARGE hall at Brown University right across the campus green from our chapel. One day a few years ago, I finished up just before noon and walked across the green to attend Ash Wednesday services. As I left with ashes on my forehead, a student pointedly asked what I was doing there. "Same thing you are," I said. "But you can't," she replied. "You're lecturing about evolution, and evolution denies God." Later, she gave me a booklet with a drawing depicting evolution as nothing less than the apple in the mouth of the serpent. To any biologist who takes religion seriously, that's a disturbing image.

If someone says that evolution is shaky science, we biologists can point to the discovery of yet another transitional fossil linking fish and amphibians. We can offer data comparing the human and chimpanzee genomes that gives unmistakable evidence of our common ancestry. We can even point to entirely new enzymes, complex molecular machines, that have evolved in just the last few decades.

A striking example of the latter is nylonase, which is found in strains of bacteria and breaks down nylon polymers. Nylon did not exist until 1937, and the speed with which the evolutionary process has exploited it is nothing short of amazing.

But the notion that evolution did not take place is not based on scientific evidence. In fact, it is held in spite of scientific evidence. The dispute over evolution will never be settled, it seems to me, unless we address the central fallacy of the anti-evolution movement—namely, the claim that evolution is inherently antireligious.

IS IT REALLY CHARLES DARWIN'S LESSON, AS HIS DETRACtors maintain, that human beings are mere prisoners of physics and chemistry, the meaningless result of chance encounters and collisions in a universe without plan or purpose? Certainly, there are many in the academic and scientific communities who accept evolution and seem to think so. William Provine, a philosopher of sci-

ence at Cornell University, has written, for example, that modern science directly implies that “no inherent moral or ethical laws exist, nor are there absolute guiding principles for human society.” Edward O. Wilson, a biologist at Harvard University, has written that “if religion . . . can be systematically analyzed and explained as a product of the brain’s evolution, its power as an external source of morality will be gone forever.”

In my training as a scientist, I learned that it is inappropriate to use science to draw theological conclusions. For many of my colleagues, however, that rule can be broken so long as the conclusions are antitheological. Along these lines, David Hull wrote in the journal *Nature*, “The God of the Galápagos is careless, wasteful, indifferent, almost diabolical. He is certainly not the sort of God to whom anyone would be inclined to pray.” And yet, the notion that science alone can lead us to the truth regarding the purpose of our existence (which some would argue is that it does not have one) is philosophical, and not scientific. It is not testable by the methods of science.

Regardless of the side we take, then, the key question is this: Does science carry us as deeply into the mystery of life as we wish to go? For people of faith, the answer is no. This is not a rejection of science, but merely a recognition of its limitations. Accepting the validity of that choice, I would argue, is the first step in making peace between science and religion, a peace that is much to be desired.

Accepting the compatibility of evolutionary theory with religious belief is also part of that peace. Every now and then, when I go on a radio talk show, I print out the first five chapters of Genesis and bring them along with me. I do this because inevitably a caller will tell me that, according to Genesis, God created us out of nothing, instantaneously, in those first days of creation. And my response will be to read aloud from those creative verses: “God said, let the earth bring forth grass. . . . Let the waters bring forth the moving creature that hath life. . . . Let the earth bring forth the living creature.”

To me, the message is clear. The creative verses of Genesis describe a command from the Creator to the materials of the earth to bring forth life. And that, as evolution tells us, is exactly what happened.

“But God wouldn’t work that way,” is often the response. Then it’s time to turn to the Book of Isaiah (55:8–9), where God reminds the prophet that the means by which he works are beyond human understanding: “‘My thoughts are not your thoughts. Neither are your ways mine,’ says the Lord. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts higher than yours.’” To me, as a biologist, this says that God’s creation need not match our own humble manufactures, static, inflexible, and unchanging. God would not work by natural means? God, as Aquinas was fond of pointing out, is the author of nature, and natural processes can serve his ends as well as any other.

OPPONENTS OF EVOLUTION COUNTER THAT THE CHANCE and random nature of the evolutionary mechanism would rule out God, that God couldn’t work by random means—it would leave him with nothing to do. In fact, while evolution is unpredictable, it

is not random. Change is constrained by the patterns of developmental biology and especially by natural selection, which is not a random process at all, but is guided by the pressures of survival and the laws of physics and chemistry, as molecular studies of evolution increasingly show.

Chance, however, is a fact of life. It affects each and every one of us. All histories—political, human, natural—are contingent processes, in which tiny changes can act on future events. I give you one example: In 1944, a soldier stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, passed up a free ticket to the opening of the Broadway musical

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Oklahoma, to go to a country club dance and see if he could meet some girls. That’s the reason I’m here today, because he was my dad, and one of the girls he met was my mom. A slight change in history, and you’re not even here.

If we could look at evolution from 500 million years ago and see a predictable path directly to us, it would mean that the future is predetermined. Yet a central point of major Western theologies, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity, is that human beings can affect the future, that we have free will and are capable of moral choice. A predetermined process wouldn’t allow that. But evolution, which is not predetermined, does. And that’s why evolutionary theory doesn’t rule out a divine plan. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Benedict XVI, issued this statement in 2004, as president of the Church’s International Theological Commission: “Even the outcome of a truly contingent natural process can nonetheless fall within God’s providential plan for creation.” Exactly so.

Finally, it is a point of resistance for some who oppose evolutionary theory that the Darwinian struggle for existence seems, as *Nature*’s David Hull implied, a cruel one. Evolution doesn’t fit with the idea of a loving God, they say. And yet Scripture is filled with messages of seeming cruelty, foremost among them that all organisms are born to die: “By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return” (Genesis 3:19). There is nothing inconsistent with evolution in this message. In the material world in which we live, life comes at the cost of death. Each of us is alive today because thousands of organisms—plant, animal, and microbial—in dying give us life, the food we eat, the houses in which we live, and even the paper upon which you read these words. That’s not an invention of Charles Darwin. As Scripture reminds us, the world in which we live is one of struggle, death, and change. And as science tells us, it is a world of evolution. ■

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HOOKED

Photographs by Gary Wayne Gilbert

This September, Leslie Wrixon '87 will travel to the mountains of Portugal as the official fly tyer for the U.S. national fly fishing team. (There the underdog Americans will face formidable competition from France, Italy, Czech Republic, and Poland for the world championship.) Though she has been tying flies for only about five years—starting with a kit, on a whim—several of her creations placed at the Irish Open Fly Tying Championship this year. Wrixon grew up fishing on the Connecticut side of Long Island Sound, “catching stripers, bluefish. My grandfather was a fly fisherman,” she says, “but I was always too young to touch all his precious stuff.” Now she ties every day, devoting half her time to original designs. The raw materials are feathers and furs, with some synthetics (e.g., epoxy for eyes). “I’m a little more daring with color than most,” says Wrixon, a clinical psychologist by training, “and I try to tie flies that are strong.” ■



THIS PAGE (CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT): Deep Ghost, inspired by the legendary Maine tyer Carrie Stevens (1882–1970); Crescent Moon, a display tie in the Victorian style; The Blue and Mixed, ranked seventh at the Irish Open; The Hackled May 1, ranked eighth. OPPOSITE PAGE (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT): Wrixon, with Orange Cosseboom, a standard salmon fly; also, the Olive Flash Muddler; Olive Free-wing Matuka; Golden Glory; and Cactus Crayfish.



BOSTON COLLEGE **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

ALUMNI NEWS

CLASS NOTES

New Head of Alumni Relations Named

John Feudo '82, a leader in the field of alumni relations and president of the Council of Alumni Association Executives, joins Boston College's University Advancement team as associate vice president for alumni relations, effective August 7, 2006.

Feudo returns to his alma mater following 17 years in alumni relations at the University of Connecticut, the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and Tufts University. During his tenure as executive director of UConn's alumni association, he grew the volunteer network, reengineered reunion and affinity programs, and spearheaded a new strategic plan. He also developed and led a \$4.5 million campaign for alumni initiatives and coordinated the design and construction of a \$3.7 million alumni center project.

A dedicated and involved Boston College alumnus, Feudo has served as president of the band alumni association and is a member of the BC Chapter of Western Massachusetts. For the past nine years, he has been the 1982 class notes correspondent.

"We are very pleased to welcome John back to Boston College," said Jim Husson, vice president for University Advancement. "As a leader in the alumni relations profession and a member of the BC family, John brings unique experience and perspective to this important role."

"Coming home to Boston College is a dream come true for me," Feudo says. "The chance to be a part of such a great institution at this point in my life really justifies the energy I've put into this business over the past



Feudo (right) pictured with Vice President for University Advancement Jim Husson and University President William P. Leahy, SJ.

two decades. My family and I are thrilled to become part of the Boston College community in this new capacity."

Feudo is taking the helm at a pivotal time. Last fall, the University and the Alumni Association commissioned a strategic assessment of Boston College's alumni relations efforts. The study included interviews with nearly 100 alumni and friends, an in-depth survey of alumni attitudes, and a review of best practices in alumni relations at peer institutions. The assessment's principal finding was that, while there is a great deal of alumni pride and affection for the University, these positive feelings have not translated into the type of alumni engagement and commitment one might expect at Boston College. Many of the most visible measures of alumni engagement—such as levels of volunteer service, alumni participation in programs and activities, and annual fund participation—do not match the enthusiasm alumni have for BC.

An initial focus for Feudo will therefore be to further develop the key building blocks of alumni engagement: classes, chapters, and shared interest groups. Complementing Feudo's efforts will be a revitalized volunteer structure that will help foster increased alumni involvement and support. Last spring, the Alumni Association's board of directors approved changes to its by-laws that pave the way for broader engagement. A new, smaller board will assume leadership of the Alumni Association this fall, and next year an Alumni Council will be formed consisting of volunteer leaders of all class, chapter, and shared interest groups.

Feudo is eager to begin making connections: "I know first-hand the passion and dedication alumni have for BC. I've had that feeling myself for 25 years," he states. "I'm looking forward to working with such enthusiastic, wonderful volunteers and an outstanding staff in helping to further advance our university."

2006 Alumni Award Recipients to Be Honored in October

The executive vice president of a clinical research firm and an advocate for the disadvantaged is the recipient of the 2006 William V. McKenney Award. Robert Reardon Jr. '63, MS '66 will receive the award at a ceremony in Robsham Theater on Thursday, October 19, in recognition of service to his community. Reardon currently serves as chair of St. Aloysius School in Harlem and supports two New Jersey-based organizations dedicated to helping the hungry and homeless. Reardon is the 57th recipient of the McKenney Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association.

Joining Reardon at the awards ceremony will be Arts & Humanities award winner Kathleen Hickey Barrie NC '72, the designer of the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. Barrie's designs for the museum housing the world's largest permanent collection of spy artifacts attract more than 500,000 visitors a year.

This year's Science award will be conferred on Walter Arabasz '64, a research professor of geology and geophysics at the

University of Utah in Salt Lake City. For 20 years, Arabasz has helped shape national and state policies aimed at mitigating earthquake hazards to critical structures such as dams and nuclear facilities.

Additional recipients of the 2006 Alumni Awards of Excellence are **Jack Griffin** '82 (Commerce), president of Meredith Corporation's Publishing Group; **Kenneth Quigley Jr.** '79 (Education), president of Curry College; Rev. **Edward Phillips** '68 (Health), a Maryknoll priest in Nairobi, Kenya; **Joan Lukey** JD '74 (Law), a partner in the litigation department of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr; **Mark O'Connell** MSW '68 (Public Service), executive director of United Way in Atlanta; **Maryanne Confroy**, RSC PhD '81 (Religion), a professor of practical theology at the Jesuit Theological College in Parkville, Australia; and **William Driscoll Jr.** '05 (Young Alumni), the founder of a nonprofit focused on rebuilding the Mississippi coast in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

To RSVP for the awards ceremony, call 800-669-8430 or e-mail bcaa@bc.edu.

Immersion Program Launched

For eight days in April, a group of a dozen alumni, including members of the classes of 1969 to 2004, toured historic and religious sites in El Salvador's capital, San Salvador, to learn first-hand about the culture, history, and politics of the Central American nation. The trip marked the first time an alumni group has participated in a tradition that has long been a hallmark of undergraduate life at BC.

Among the key destinations were the seminaries and cathedral where Archbishop Oscar Romero studied and preached, and the chapel where he was martyred in March 1980. The group also toured local schools, churches, and health clinics and met with political leaders to hear their opinions on issues shaping their country's economic future.

For several participants, the trip reinforced lessons learned as undergraduates. For others, absorbing a different culture was a completely new experience. Allison Willson '04 traveled to Tijuana, Mexico, during her junior and senior years and leapt at the op-

portunity to go on a trip as an alum. "Traveling to Mexico was a very formative experience, and I was thrilled to have an opportunity to learn how the struggles of the people in El Salvador are like mine, but also very different from mine," she notes.

For Matt Keswick '96, the trip offered a new way of reconnecting with the Jesuit ideals he adopted while at BC: "I had been looking for a way to continue my Jesuit education, and this trip provided the perfect opportunity."

"Immersion trips are about starting relationships that will continue after we return home," says Dan Leahy '82, associate chaplain of the Alumni Association and the staff leader of the trip. "Unlike get-aways that nurture the body but seldom the soul, trips like the one to El Salvador can have a lasting impact and be truly life-changing."

A repeat trip to El Salvador is being planned for January 2007. For more information, please contact Dan Leahy at 617-552-3478 or leahyd@bc.edu.

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Allan J. McCarthy '29 celebrated his 100th birthday on March 10, 2006, in the presence of many BC friends and family members. A longtime resident of Revere, Allan practiced medicine at Symmes Hospital in Arlington for more than 45 years. He and his late wife, Gertrude, raised six children, three of whom graduated from BC: Allan J. McCarthy Jr. '61, Ann McCarthy Perriello '70, and Richard M. McCarthy '73, MEd '78. Allan asked his grandson Michael, who is a member of the Class of 2009, to pick up a new BC necktie to be worn on the occasion of his birthday, along with his 50-year pin and class ring.

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Bob Mead MA '37 died on May 7 at a nursing home in Falmouth. He might well have deserved the title of "the most worthy of honor" in our class. The best testimony to the quality of his life's work as a teacher and a principal is the fact that a school was named for him, the Robert N. Mead School in Brighton. His unusual personal qualities are attested to by the fact that for the past several years, his daily routine had been to serve as altar boy at the seven o'clock Mass at his parish church and then pass out mail and visit the patients at the nursing home where he and his wife, Mary, died. Bob Mead was truly one of a kind.

1936

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I'm sorry to have to write about the recent deaths of three of our classmates: **Frank Delear**, **Dan Courtney**, and **Bill Ryan**. I first learned of their deaths through the "obituaries" section in the Spring issue of *BC Magazine*. There is a nice write-up on each in the magazine in the event you have not seen it. Please remember Frank, Dan, Bill, and their families in your prayers. • Our 70th anniversary from BC came and went, but we were unable for various and sundry reasons to celebrate it. • On the other hand, in April Mary and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary—and with all our family we did celebrate it! • From the latest information I have, 23 members of our class are still living. Hi to all. • In May, I received a very nice letter from Jeanne Packer Lamarre '77. She and I worked together at Raytheon at one time. She mentioned many of her '77 classmates. They are obviously a fun and great group. So here's to the Class of '77, my adopted class! • In early May the Interstate 93 tunnel beneath Boston (part of the Big Dig) was dedicated in the name of **Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.**, our late classmate. Tip was largely responsible for obtaining funding for construction of the Big Dig project. Many political leaders and dignitaries, including US Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, attended the ceremony. A gathering was held at the Boston Harbor Hotel hosted by the O'Neill family, including Thomas P. O'Neill III '68.

1937 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Greetings once again, thank God! Still, the sad fact is that God seems to want the heavenly company of more of our surviving classmates. The evidence of this appears in the news that two more of our '39 friends and classmates have gone to their heavenly rewards. • In early March, the *Boston Globe* printed a lengthy obituary honoring the military and career achievements of **Nelson Erickson Jr.** His success as a battalion commander in the 397th Infantry Regiment in the South Pacific previewed the contributions of his professional career spent researching automotive safety for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. These achievements were matched by his dedication to his family, his wife, and his children. • Unfortunately, the news of his death was too soon followed by the obituary of another well-known and popular classmate, Rev. **Donald Clifford**. Fr. Don was a senior priest in the Archdiocese of Boston, a priest who served God's people in many parishes over his lengthy priestly career. • One moment—another sad bit of news just arrived. A letter from the nephew of **Larry Fitzgerald** informed us of his death on April 15, Good Friday. Larry, another World War II veteran and a BC Law graduate, was the president of our Class of 1939 for a number of years. • Nelson, Fr. Don, and Larry were loyal class members. Our sympathy and prayers are offered to all of their family members. • These losses sadly noted, two bits of good news help to lighten the climate. In April, a surprise telephone call from San Diego reestablished contact with **John Paul Luddy**, a Haverhill commuter classmate. John, like most of us, is retired now after an active and rewarding career as a US Navy officer and an attorney in the Judge Advocate General Office. He is enjoying family life and his two grandchildren and sends his best wishes to all of us. • Happily, too, we received a letter of greeting from a Class of 1986 member in upstate New York, more specifically from Pat McCarthy Christ, the daughter of our late classmate **Bill D. McCarthy**. Pat reads our class notes faithfully and has happy memories of some of her father's friends. With her husband and five active children, she is happy in Buffalo and in her parish and community activities. Many thanks, Pat. • On these

happier notes we'll sign off with the hope that we'll soon be getting more telephone calls, e-mails, and letters from more of you. Peace!

1940

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Congratulations to **Nick Sottile** and the committee for putting together another great class reunion on June 7, 2006. It was great to renew friendships with our wonderful classmates of years gone by and discuss the past 65 years. Our prayers were for recently departed classmates **Fred Jaquith** and **Jim Murray**, a committee member. Both were great contributors to the Class of '41 and will be sorely missed. • The Mass was led by Bishop **Joe Maguire** along with Msgr. **John Abucewicz**. The luncheon was sponsored by the Alumni Association, for which we thank them. In attendance were the following: **Fran Blouin**, **George McManama**, **Tom Galligan**, **John Bagley**, **Bob Collins**, Msgr. John Abucewicz, Bishop Joe Maguire, Nick Sottile, **Dave White**, **Bill Weiss**, **Vincent Lyness** and **Jack Callahan**. In contact but not able to attend were Msgr. **Tom Finnegan**, **Dan Doyle**, Fr. **Al Delery**, **Len McDermott**, and Fr. **Ed Cowhig**. • Another year has passed and we all thank God for the wonderful relatives who attended the reunion luncheon with us, especially the wives of departed classmates. May God bless us all until we meet again.

1942 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Observed at the Laetare Sunday Mass and brunch were **Charlie Ahern**, **Jack Fitzgerald**, **Jack Hart**, **Tom Hinchey**, **Jerry Joyce**, and **Frank Mahoney**. Conspicuous by their absence, and sorely missed, were **Leo Benecchi**, **Jim Boudreau**, **Ronnie Corbett**, **Frank D'Ambrosio**, **Vin DeBenedictis**, **Frank Dever**, **Tom Flanagan**, **Terry Geoghe-**

gan, **Jim Hawco**, **Paul Heffron**, **Paul Livingston**, **Bob Muse**, **Jim O'Brien**, **Dick Stiles**, and **Charlie Sullivan**. I apologize to anyone whom I inadvertently omitted from either of the aforesaid lists. • As you read these "Notes," summer is ending, and soon the football season will begin. Even though I am no longer a season ticket holder, and tailgating is a wonderful memory, I now enjoy the comforts of the Hall of Fame Room. Hope to see you there for excellent pre-game refreshments. • In the last issue of the magazine, I bragged that my granddaughter Erin will be the third generation to attend BC. I neglected to mention that in addition to her mom and me, her dad also is an alumnus, Class of 1972. • Surgery on May 12 prevented me from attending our annual memorial Mass. I thank Frank Mahoney for taking over and, as is his custom, for doing such a wonderful job. Those memorialized were **Dave Birtwell** (May 11, 2006), **Dick Costello** (February 2, 2006), **Bill Daly** MA '48 (October 11, 2005), **Marie Dever** (November 27, 2005), Rev. **Joe Downey** (January 28, 2006), **Bernie Garrity**, MM (January 23, 2006), **Virginia Geoghegan** (May 14, 2006), **Frances Kissell** (June 27, 2005), **Al Morro** (December 13, 2005), **John O'Donnell** (January 11, 2006), **Mary Stanton** (February 24, 2006), and **Bob Troy** (June 11, 2004), who was inadvertently omitted at our Mass in 2005. Incidentally, unless objections are made, I shall discontinue including notices of deceased classmates in our column. The "obituaries" section of *BC Magazine*, which is published quarterly, has excellent reports. Further details will appear in the next issue. • There have been suggestions that the class organize some sort of golf day. My memory is that such a day proved to be very successful a few years ago. I am, therefore, looking into the feasibility of reviving the affair. If things work out, notices will soon be received. • Seen at Virginia Geoghegan's wake were **Frank Dever**, **Mary** and **Bob Muse**, and yours truly. Our condolences to Terry and their children.

1943

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Once again we must begin with sad news: Fr. **Jim O'Brien**, MM, died at Maryknoll, NY, on April 27. Fr. Jim was with us for two years before joining the Maryknoll order, after which he served in China, Peru, and

other missionary posts. • We would also ask your prayers for the following widows who died this year: Kay, wife of **Edward McGilvery** (March 27); Catherine, wife of **Marc Carrigan** (April 13); and Eunice, wife of **Frank Power** (April 14). • After the many rains in this area, I talked to **Joe Sullivan**, who says his feet are still dry, but he's heading to his rocking chair. • Had a very interesting call from **Dan Healy** on the Cape, who told me of seeing **Andy Carnegie** and **Ernie Santosuosso** at the BC Pops. Dan said I should go "online," but at this stage of the game, I'll stick to the phone, the US mail, and my trusty typewriter. Dan is still using a cane and caring for Dot's shoulder problem. • Make note that **John Logue** has moved from the Midwest and is now living in Needham. • Just received word that **Lou Alfano** has retired after 55 years in the medical field. After service in the Navy, Lou graduated from Tufts Medical and has been a leader at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, where his son Lou Jr. is now chief of surgery. • Had word from **Jim Harvey** that his grandson Joseph '09 was honored at Laetare Sunday for his work as a BC tour guide. We also thank Jim for all the information on Fr. O'Brien. • In closing, we are announcing the date for our annual Mass of remembrance, which will take place on Sunday, October 1, at 11:30 a.m. in Trinity Chapel on BC's Newton campus, with lunch to follow at Barat House. More details will be mailed to you later. Hope to see you all there. • Please keep in touch.

1944

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Eleven members of the Class of 1944 met for lunch and a social at St. Mary's Hall on April 10. Hosted by Fr. **Bill McInnes** MA '51, the group reminisced about the good old days, enjoyed lunch in the Jesuit dining room, checked over the lists of the living and deceased, and decided this should be a regular event open to all members of the class. They agreed to meet once each semester and set Wednesday, October 18, as the next meeting. Those attending agreed to try to contact other members of the class for future meetings. Attending the April luncheon were **Joe Delaney**, **John Duggan**, **Bob O'Leary**, **John O'Grady**, **Bill Dunn**, **Tom Soles**, **Bob Foley**, **Tom Donelan**, **Don White**, **Bill McInnes**, and yours truly. • John Duggan has received a diocesan award from

the Bishop of Worcester at the annual White Mass for 30 years of medical care to the residents of the Nazareth Residential Treatment Center in Worcester. • Joe Delaney, who has served as deacon for 30 years, retired from formal duties on July 1. He will continue to assist in hospital visits and liturgical programs from time to time. • After many years of faithful reporting, **Jim O'Donnell** has handed over the work of class correspondent to me. We thank Jim for his many years of keeping the class in touch with one another and wish him and his wife good health and blessings. • Please send news.

1945

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Laetare Sunday was held this year for the first time in Conte Forum. Around 1,000 alumni attended, which was a great turnout. Breakfast was served in the Power Gym. Mary Lou and **Jack McCarthy**, **Paul Paget**, **Joe Devlin**, and Lillian and **Lou Sorgi** represented the class. • I am just back from attending our annual Mass and luncheon for the deceased members of our class. Fr. **Pat Kelly** and Alumni Chaplain Fr. William McInnes, SJ, '44 were the celebrants. I did the reading; Jack McCarthy did the responsorial Psalm; Paul Paget, chair of the event, did the prayers of the faithful; Mary and **Bill Hamrock** did the presentation of the gifts; and **Bud Graustein** and **Bill Cornyn** were the altar servers. All of this took place in Trinity Chapel, followed by lunch at Barat House. There were 36 people at the affair, including two widows and the wives of our classmates. As usual, Paul did an outstanding job as chair of the event. The following classmates attended: Bud Graustein, **Bill Corbett**, Paul Paget, **Tom Loftus**, **Dave Hern**, Lou Sorgi, **Dennis Condon**, **Jake Santamaria**, **Joe Harrington**, Fr. Pat Kelly, **Ed Burns**, Bill Cornyn, **Leo McGrath**, Jack McCarthy, **Paul Dawson**, Bill Hamrock, Joe Devlin, **Charlie Earley**, and **Kevin Bowers**. Two widows, Barbara Driscoll and Eileen Colbert, also joined us. • We were fortunate to have Peter McLaughlin '59, acting executive director of the Boston College Alumni Association, address us after lunch. He had just returned from Reunion Weekend, where over 4,500 people attended the various events. The main theme of his address was that the BC is changing for the better

and growing as a top national university. In our day we were basically a commuter college, whereas today the entering freshman class has 500 students from California, where currently over 7,000 alumni reside. • I do not have good news on the medical front. **Paul Ryder** is in the hospital with congestive heart failure and buildup of fluid. **Charlie McCready** is still under treatment for multiple myeloma, and Dennis Condon had two stents put in and is doing well. Charlie Earley fell and hurt his back and is now walking with a cane. Let's keep them in our prayers.

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There have been several deaths among our classmates. **James J. Ford** of Nashua, NH, was a longtime librarian at the Boston Public Library. **William A. Kerrigan** MSW '48, of Ocean Park, ME, was a co-proprietor with his wife of a guest house in Ocean Park. He was a World War II veteran. **Bill Melville** informed me that Joan O'Neill passed away in April. She was the mother of five children and the grandmother of three. She was past president of the Faulkner Hospital Auxiliary. Joan and her daughter Megan attended most of the class affairs in recent years. • **George Savage** took a tumble off his bike in Naples, FL. He had planned a St. Patrick's get-together with **Paul Lannon** and **Jim Costello**, prior to the accident. After six weeks of back therapy, he is now resuming his daily walks at the Blessed John Paul II Park. Paul Lannon and Ann spent an evening with George and Danuta at the Boardwalk in Naples. Paul reports that Danuta has a green thumb. Their house is surrounded by beautiful tropical flowers. • I

had a pleasant meeting with Fr. **John Flynn** at a recent reception and dinner for the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. He is in good spirits and active in his ministry.

1949

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I am writing these notes on June 5, just about a month after our annual get-together for the spring production at the BC theater. This year, it was a remarkable production of the musical *Cabaret*. We had about 50 folks attending, including class members' widows and friends. • The show was followed by a reception in the new function hall at the Yawkey Center near the stadium. Some of those attending were **Mary Amsler** and guest, Nancy and **Bill Butler**, Louise and **John Cahill**, Margaret and **Ernie Ciampa**, **Bill Cohan**, Margaret and **Sahag Dakesian**, Alice and **Phil Doyle**, **John Driscoll** and guest, Theresa and **Gerry Hagerty**, Jane and **Ron Leary**, Joan and **Ed Marshall**, Carol and **Don McA'Nulty**, Fr. **Paul McCarty**, Sally and **John Meany**, Dot and **John McQuillan**, Mary Murphy, Mary Dowd, Anne Ashur, Jean Schoenfeld, Mary and **John Prince**, Paula and **Peter Rogerson**, Amedia and **Don St. Andre**, Pat and **John Waite**, and Louise and **Jim Whelton**. We may have omitted some, but blame it on my eyesight, several notes received from folks with conflicting events, etc. • I received notes from **Charley McKenna**, **Vin Nuccio**, **Lou Visco**, **Steve Michalowski**, **Al Hanwell**, **George Gildea**, **Jim Crounse**, **Roland Driscoll**, and **Art DeSousa**. I also got a very nice note from **John Forkin** in which he sent warm regards to all and said he was no longer able to drive because of arthritis; otherwise, he and his wife are doing OK. • On May 19, we attended a reception for the Shaw Society at BC Night at the Pops at Symphony Hall. We saw Louise and Jim Whelton, Dotty and John McQuillan, Margaret and Ernie Ciampa, and Alice and Phil Doyle. • Laetare Sunday at Conte Forum was a return to the traditional brunch meeting that we recall of old but without the time-consuming elections for alumni officers. Several '49ers were present, including Mary and **John Hickey**, Mary and **Tom O'Connor**, Margaret and Sahag Dakesian, Tina and **Jim Houlihan**, Margaret and Ernie Ciampa, Bill

Cohan, **Pat Leonard**, Joan and Ed Marshall, Sally and John Meany, Mary and John Prince, **Joe Quinn**, and Lou Visco. • I received a note from **Tony Struzziero**, who retired as principal of Saugus Junior High. He is well except for vision problems that affect his ability to drive. Tony and I were stationed together in Gulfport, MS, during part of World War II. We wish him well, and hope he can get to some class functions if he can arrange transportation with someone in the area. • We are looking forward to our regular annual memorial Mass in early October, so keep an eye on your mail at the end of the summer for information on this regular annual Mass and reception.

1950

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As of this writing, the following golfers were signed up to play at CrossWinds in Plymouth on June 15: **Bill Logue**, **Joe Casey**, **Paul Fay**, **Gerry Curtis**, **Jim McDonough**, **Ed Clasby**, **Ed Brady**, **John Fisher**, **Jack McCarthy**, **Jack Farrell**, **Tom Casey**, **Jack Casey** (West Roxbury), **Mike O'Brien**, **Ted Quinn**, **Paul Fay**, **Gerry Daly**, **Jack Casey** (Cape), **John Sullivan**, **Bob Palladino**, and **Lou Brock**. More about this in the next issue. • I received a letter from **John X. Linnehan** last March. He says that he has been in Florida since 1958. He was in the real estate business for 10 years and since 1983 has been working for the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice. He is presently the president of the organization. • Our classmate **Ernie Stautner** passed away in a nursing home in Colorado on February 16, at age 80. He was a Hall of Fame defensive lineman for the Pittsburgh Steelers and longtime defensive coordinator for the Dallas Cowboys. He went to nine Pro Bowls with the Steelers and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1969. Ernie was born in Germany and immigrated to Albany, NY, with his family when he was three. After serving in the US Marines, he played at Boston College and was selected by the Steelers in the third round of the 1950 NFL draft. • I heard from our classmate **Jim Cairns** of Charlestown, RI. He recently ran for his first political office and won a seat on the Charlestown Town Council. He is now secretary of the Wastewater Commission and a weekly "unloader" of the food pantry truck, so he doesn't have to go to the gym as often. Jim also

said that at age 83 he is limited in his driving and therefore not able to travel to BC. I know what he means. The doctors at the West Roxbury Veterans Hospital didn't want me to drive to the Yankee Division convention in Portland, ME, in June, so I was planning to take the Downeaster train from North Station.

NC 1950-53

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With great happiness I report the wonderful news that Elizabeth White, RSCJ, was awarded an honorary degree at the Boston College Commencement on May 22. I had planned to attend, but the presence of Condoleezza Rice precluded walking in off the street. **Ann White Buttrick** NC '53, was there to cheer her sister. I am thrilled that Boston College recognized Sr. White's enthusiastic commitment to learning and her high standards maintained with such a sweet smile. In recognizing her, the University acknowledged the devotion of so many Religious to the educational mission of the Society. The BC Alumni Association hosted a lovely alumnae reception for Sister the week prior to Commencement at which many heartfelt tributes were paid her. • Send news!

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To get the full story of our class activities, go

to www.bc.edu/alumni and click on Class Notes Online. Your BC Identification number is printed above your name on the *BC Magazine* mailing label. • **Dick Horan** sent me his annual report on the Fr. Joseph T. Greer Endowment Fund. The Greer Fund, established in 1993 by members of our class, family, and friends of Fr. Joe as part of the University's endowment, provides scholarships for students in need of financial assistance. The market value of the Fr. Joseph T. Greer '53 Endowment Fund on June 1, 2005, was \$171,146, providing \$7,638 for scholarship aid. • The BC Club of Cape Cod held its annual Communion breakfast on April 30. After Mass the club met at the Ridge Club in Sandwich. Our classmate Fr. **Joe Appleyard**, SJ, was the featured speaker and talked about the makeup of the student body at Boston College. President **Paul Coughlin**, who attended with his wife, Maryanne, reported that Fr. Joe appears to have recovered from the injuries received when he fell last year. Other attendees were Marie and **Matt Flaherty**, Betty and **Bob Sullivan**, Irene and **Don Burgess**, **Jim Ridge**, **Phil Kerrigan**, Barbara and **Austin Smith**, and **Mary (Parrish) Bacon** and her husband, John. • It is with deep sorrow that I report on the death of Barbara A. Good, the wife of our classmate **Fred L. Good**. Barbara died on February 6 after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband; daughter Barbara A. Weichert and her husband, Ralph, of Scituate; Dr. **Lillian I. Good** of Aptos, CA; and Fredrick L. Good Jr. and his wife, Erin, of Charlestown. Other family and many nieces and nephews also survive her. • The Wayland Country Club was once again the site for our 12th annual golf tournament. This year it was held on Wednesday, June 7. When we went to press many of the regulars had expressed their interest in playing. I will have a full report next time. • Some of you have written asking what happened to the trips that were planned for Ireland, Italy, and/or the Rhine River? The simple answer is lack of interest. We had six replies for Ireland, seven for Italy, and eight for the Rhine River. If you have an idea, write and let us know.

1954

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The spring season was filled with a number of activities, among them Laetare Sunday at

Conte Forum. Jack Connors '63 was the featured speaker. • This year's mini-reunion was held in Providence in May. A full list of things to do and sights to see was put together by **John Ford**. Among those attending were Lori and Lou Totino, Pat and Bob King, Kathy and Peter Nobile, Barbara and John Cawley, Jody and Frank Bonarrigo, Janet and Paul McKenna, Clare and Frank McLaughlin, Nancy and John Moreschi, Joan Nickell, Jane and John Ford, Ed Smith, Joe Skerry, Mario DiBiase, and Ray MacPherson. • A special meeting for all the class correspondents was held to inform us of all the options available to send in, download, or make inquiries about your class notes online. Go to www.bc.edu/alumni and click on Online Community. • **Lou Maloof** has written us that along with being a member of an acting troupe on Cape Cod, he also lectures on international relations. • On a sad note, we learned that **Thomas J. McCarthy Jr.** JD '61 passed away in April. He was a resident of Maynard and of Palm City, FL. **Jerome A. McCusker** JD '59 passed away in Palm Coast, FL. He worked in a Boston law firm before retiring. • The annual memorial Mass for our classmates will be held on Sunday, November 5, at Trinity Chapel on the Newton campus at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by a brunch at Alumni House, also on the Newton campus.

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Bob Cefalo sent me an e-mail to let me know that he has joined the ranks of the retirees. He has retired from the Navy Medical Corps and as a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine at Chapel Hill. Interestingly, Bob had 24 years of service in both the Navy and as a professor. The third time is a charm as they say, because Bob mentioned that this is his third attempt to retire. Congratulations are in order because he recently received both the North Carolina

Obstetrical and Gynecological Society Distinguished Service Award and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Distinguished Service Award. • **Dorothy Ching Hughes** reports that she had a nice visit with **Jane O'Donnell** this past spring. Dorothy was visiting her son and his family in Florida. • **Paul Fallon** called with a report on BC's Family Night at the Pops. It was wonderful as usual. He and Cathy saw **Dan Foley** and **John O'Connell**. • Once

at the BC Club on the Wednesday before Commencement and about 40 for dinner and the Pops on Friday. The yearbook will be handed out at a get-together in November. • With 444 classmates and guests for our 50th reunion among the 4,000 returning alumni, you can see why Reunion was on a different weekend than Commencement. • **Carolyn Kenney Foley** was the first woman to be honorary chief marshal at Commencement, heading the procession

Our golden anniversary program is now in full gear. It is "time to smell the roses."

again, members of our class have suffered the loss of a loved one. **Joan Gospodarek Lett**'s mother has passed away at the age of 97. Fortunately, Joan and Al were able to visit with her in Hawaii in January before she died. • **John Dennis**, brother of **Barbara Dennis Lund**, died in February in Florida. Barb and Rich were able to be there with him. Quite fortunately, **Pat and Nick Grugnale**, **Gail McGuire**, and **John and Mary Rose McCarty Griffin** were in Florida at the same time and were able to offer comfort and support to Barbara the night John died. My sympathy is sent to Joan and Barbara and to their families. • As a point of information, I shall be writing my next column during the last week of August. Please send news because without your input there is no column. • In closing, I want to invite you to join me at the fifth annual veterans Mass and remembrance ceremony, to be held on November 11 in Gasson Hall. The Mass will begin at 10 a.m. and the ceremony at 11 a.m. If you are coming to the football game, why not join us in the morning?

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We had about 35 at a luncheon for the Reunion, Yearbook, and Class Gift committees

of students, faculty, Alumni Honor Guard, and dignitaries, including honorary degree recipient Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. An honor guard of Alumni Board members and Golden and Silver Eagles—a new tradition—lined the aisle as the dignitaries entered. • At the reunion, Marie and I roomed with Pat and **Frank Furey**, Gerald and **Joan Piekarski-Croteau**, and Jeremy and **Mary Lou Tomasini Sayles**. • Our class welcome dinner was in the Carney Dining Room of the student center, McElroy Commons, on Thursday night. Screens were set up to show pictures scanned from our original yearbook. The welcome dinner for all reunion classes was in the same room Friday night, and our Saturday night dinner-dance was in the Eagle's Nest at McElroy. • **Owen Lynch**, Gift Committee chairman, and **Carolyn Kenney Foley** presented Fr. Leahy with the class reunion gift of more than \$2,368,000, contributed by about 45 percent of the class. • Marie's brother, Ray Helmick, SJ, is a classmate because after his studies at Shadowbrook and Weston, BC awarded him a bachelor's degree in 1956. He teaches conflict resolution at BC and is involved in peace efforts in Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Bosnia, and East Timor. He is making films about the conflicts there. • **Joan Nobis Toner** had surgery on an infected leg and missed the reunion. **Marge Callahan**'s sister Mary Cerasullo died in March. Please keep them and all classmates in your prayers. • We'll have much more reunion news in later columns. • **Fr. Tom Naughton** is administrator of St. James the Greater Parish in Chinatown and of Holy Trinity Church in the South End of Boston after serving as Catholic chaplain at Tufts-New England Medical Center for almost two years. • Remember, you can log on to the Alumni As-

sociation Website, www.bc.edu/alumni, and register for the Online Community to post your news and read news from classmates.

NC 1956

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The 50th reunion was awesome. We didn't even let the continual downpours dampen our spirits. All functions took place on "our campus," now the BC Newton campus. In attendance, with short comments: **Jane Slade Connelly**, a great Deacon of a husband; **Ursula Cahalan Connors**, impromptu hostess with the mostest; **Pat Leary Dowling**, limited to 400 words for these notes; **Shirley Spencer Duggan**, all the way from London and as full of energy as ever; **Janice Murphy Hannah**, practicing psychologist with Partners in Boston; **Mary Ellen McKeon Harvey**, has never missed a reunion; **Cathy Brennan Hickey**, a daily swimmer in living room pool; **Sheila McCarthy Higgins**, travels between Vero Beach and Annisquam; **Mary Prendergast Kalagher**, talented interior decorator in the Baltimore area; **Mary Ford Whalen Kingsley**, busy lady of the Boston social scene; **Marion Linehan Kraemer**, Sr. White's star book club attendee; **Hunsie Dempsey Loomis**, an event planner and floral designer; **Ellie Taft McSally**, mother of the first female Air Force pilot; **Margot Bourgeois Miller**, grandmother par excellence; **Lucille Hartigan O'Connor**, a practicing lawyer, defending abused women; **Gail O'Donnell**, the youngest looking one in the class and also the most traveled (for the RSCJ); **Margaret Blinstrub Pigott**, head of international education at Oakland University; **Sheila McCue Rider**, owner of a real estate company in NY; **Aileen Mannix Schaefer**, mother of nine girls and one boy; **Kathryn Galvin White**, the perfect politician's wife and mother! • Those who were dearly missed and remembered were **Carole Gilis Baxter**, **Ann Carroll Cullum Burwell**, **Mimi Labourdette**, **Alice Bonin Lynch**, **Sheila Murphy Madden**, **Grace Donovan McCarthy**, **Evie Melloon Reilly**, **Jean Wallace Russo**, **Kei Sato Scribner**, and **Sandy Ceres Weston**. • Thanks to all of you for making the celebration memorable! • Our sincere congratulations to Elizabeth White, RSCJ, upon being given an honorary degree at BC at the 2006 graduation. • Please send notes.

1957 REUNION: MAY 31–JUNE 3

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A Golden Jubilee Class Golf Tournament will be held at the Charles River Country Club in Newton on September 27. **Charlie Fox** along with **Bill Cunningham** have put together a wonderful day of events, including lunch, golf, a social hour, and dinner. Mark your calendars! • The class football event (BC vs. Maine) will be held on September 30, and the nine-day cruise to Sorrento, Italy, departs on October 25. I will report on the June trip to Bermuda in the next issue. • **Gerry Hooley** sends his greetings from Texas. He and his wife took a 12-day cruise around the western Caribbean in April. He hopes to fly up for the Maine game. • **Chuck Lynch** was in town during late May. He spent some time playing golf with his brothers at the Charles River CC and ran into **Ed Coakley** and Bill Cunningham. • **Dave McAvoy** and his wife, Carole, are greatly relieved with the news that their daughter Maura underwent successful major cancer surgery in late May. Please continue to pray for Maura's complete recovery. • **John L. Harrington** is the honorary chairman of the Class Gift Committee, as we are now well positioned to celebrate our 50th jubilee celebration. • The Joseph R. Fahey, SJ, Scholarship Fund has reached \$270,180. If you have not considered a donation, please contact Joanne Goggins in the Development Office at 617-552-9032. • The class extends its sincere condolences to the families of **John Joseph Diggins** of Hingham, a retired brigadier general, and **Owen J. Gaffney** of East Sandwich, a retired corporate vice president of Polaroid, both of whom died in April. • **Eugene D. Mahoney** of South Yarmouth passed away on April 5. Gene was a former senior vice president of Bay Bank/Bank of Boston. He was a Double Eagle and a very active and loyal classmate. • **Dick Dowling**'s wife, Peg, passed away on June 2. Please keep Peg in your prayers as well as Dick and his family. • Please send in your class dues of \$25, if you have not already done so, to **Bill Tobin**, 181 Central St., Holiston, MA 01746. • A last reminder: if you have not sent in your biographies for the golden jubilee yearbook you will not be eligible to receive one! Our golden anniversary program is now in full gear. We ask the dear Lord to bless all of our classmates

and their families with the abundance of good health and happiness as we are about to become the next class of new Golden Eagles. It is "time to smell the roses." • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1957 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year

NC 1957 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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I received an informational letter from **Frank Lydon**, who brought us up-to-date as to his whereabouts since '58. Frank and Mary were transferred by Sylvania in 1967 from Boston to Spokane, WA. Thirteen years ago Frank retired, and six years ago they sold their home in Spokane and moved to a condo on Maalaea Bay in Maui, HI. During the summer, they go back to the mainland, pick up their motor home in Spokane, tour the country, and visit their four children and six grandkids. The Lydons' daughter Cheryl has an MS in education and is a science teacher in Colorado; Lisa is an attorney in Spokane; Michael is an airline and military pilot and is headed back to Iraq for a second time; and Trish has a BS in tech writing and now owns three restaurants in Boulder. • Nice to hear from **Ed Mulcahy**, who for the past 10 years has been living in Pinehurst, NC. Ed and **Jack Murray**, who graduated together from UVM medical school, are having a contest as to who will stay in practice the longest. Ed sees Jack once or twice a year when he and Carol stay at their condo in Bretton Woods, NH. • The Spring Fling, organized by **Sheldon Daly**, was held this past April. It was our annual getaway weekend at the Hyannis Sheraton on the Cape. Classmates in attendance were Nancy and **Sheldon Daly**, Roland and **Joan Downing LaChance**, Jane and **Jack "Mucca" McDevitt**, Peggy and **Dick Simons**, Dave and **Eileen Quigley**, **Dotty Sollitto Hiltz**, **Carol Brady Vigliano**, **Mary and Tom Mahoney**, **Pat Brine O'Riordan**, **Bernadine and Bo Strom**, **Elaine and Ed Gilmore**, **Moira and Paul**

Lyons, Claudette Bachand, Dan Cummins and his wife, and Leo and **Mary Shanahan Conway**. • The following classmates are members of the Development Board at the Massachusetts Hospital School in Canton: Sheldon Daly, Ed Gilmore, **Paul Dolan**, Dick Simons, and Tom Mahoney. • Classmates, please help me out! I need news from you to keep this '58 column active. • Class dues are still only \$25. Send your check to Jack "Mucca" McDevitt, 28 Cedar Rd., Medford, MA 02155

NC 1958

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Our November 2005 luncheon was such a success we decided to meet again. On May 4, the following 14 classmates met at the Woodland Country Club: **Rosemary Dwyer**, **Maureen Kent**, **Maureen Ronan**, **Mickey Wetzel**, **MJ English**, **Jo Cleary**, **Sheila Carty**, **Julie Reusch**, **Eileen Mullen**, **Beth Legare**, **Susie Baxter**, **Aude Galvin**, **Carol Hanley**, and **Carol Reeves**. What a thrill to meet and catch up with everyone, some of whom we hadn't seen in 20 years. There was certainly no lull in the conversation. We laughed, we cried, we easily picked up where we left off in June 1958. • Beth Duffy Legare lives in Seekonk and has three children and seven grandchildren. She taught second grade for more than 20 years and is now taking up golf. • Susie Kennedy Baxter lives in Providence, RI, with her husband, Robert. She has three children and five grandchildren. Susie retired after 20 years with BankBoston in Rhode Island as director of public affairs. She is presently chairman of the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission—the state agency responsible for housing policy and planning—a position appointed by the governor. • Carol Healey Hanley lives in Chelmsford with her husband, Al. She has three children and seven grandchildren and currently serves as a co-director of RCIA at St. Mary's Parish in Chelmsford. • Eileen Mullen is retired and enjoying a more relaxing way of life. • Julie Saver Reusch lives in Seabrook, NH. Congratulations to her and husband Ed, who celebrated 48 years of marriage! They have nine children and 17 grandchildren. Julie is very busy with her quilting and volunteer work for Outreach. • Carol Higgins Reeves moved from Wellesley in 1978 to Melbourne, FL. She sum-

mers on Cape Cod with husband Jerry, plays golf, weaves Nantucket baskets, and is very civically active in Melbourne. She has three children and three grandchildren. • I had a nice chat with **Suzanne Lawrence Starkey**. She is retired from teaching and lives with her husband, Jim, at Gilgo Beach on Long Island. • I also spoke with **Mary Quirk Pappas**, who is well and currently lives in the Adirondacks. • I had an e-mail from **Leonor Salcedo-Pardo Barreto**. She is still living in Washington, DC, and is hoping to make one of our luncheons. • Our next luncheon, by popular demand, is October 5 at the Woodland Country Club. Everyone is welcome. Mark the date, and call Sheila. • It's not too soon to start thinking about attending our 50th reunion in two years.

1959

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Over the past few years I have had a lot of business travel so my golf has suffered, but my grandfathering has not. We had an 11th grandchild, born on June 6. I am told that this is a date of some superstition. I must have missed the movie. The baby looks like a human. • Among classmates at the Laetare Sunday breakfast were **Denis Minihane**, **Peter McLaughlin**, **John O'Connor**, **Tom Mahoney**, **Bill Parks**, and **Bill Appleyard**. • Peter tells me there were over 4,000 alumni in attendance at Reunion Weekend, a record number. He has some ideas for our 50th, which is now only three years away. Between now and then we will plan some fall and winter activities, maybe around some ACC event. • Enjoy the football season.

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I'm sorry to relate that **George Ranson** passed away in November 2005. He was a chemical oceanographer and worked in many places, ending in southern Florida. George received his PhD in organic chemistry from MIT. Please keep him in your prayers. • Mary Ann and **Don Croatti** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 16 of this year. They must be the first couple in our class to reach this milestone. • As you can see, the news is skimpy. Write me, or better yet e-mail me, at the address at the top of this column. • Till we meet again, have a great fall. Best time of the year. *Adios, amigos.*

NC 1960

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Do you want to be a part of the BC Online Community? Share your information with alumni via this new method! Go to www.bc.edu/alumni and click on "Online Community." If you are a registered user, click on Log In and type in your username and password. If you are not a registered user, click on Register. To register, you will need to know your Eagle ID. This eight-digit number can be found on the back of *BC Magazine*; it is the last eight digits on the line above your name. If you need help registering or logging in, call the Alumni Online Community help desk at 617-552-8688 or e-mail alumni.help@bc.edu. Once you have logged in, click on Class Notes and search for Newton Class of 1960 to read news about classmates. • On behalf of the class, I would like to express our sympathy to **Sally O'Connell Healy**, whose sister, Mary Jane O'Connell Halley NC '57, passed away in early April from cancer. • Sally joined classmates **Blanche Hunnewell**, **Carole McNamara**, **Julie O'Neill**, **Brenda Laundry**, and me on May 17 for Sr. Elizabeth White's reception at Alumni House. Former students, professors, and friends gave glowing and sometimes humorous tributes to Sr. White for her 50 years of superior teaching and for the honorary degree conferred on her at BC's graduation ceremony on May 22. • **Fran Fortin Breau** and her husband, Ted, have become grandparents for the fourth time. This is a lucky number for Fran, who is one of four girls, has four daughters, and is now the proud grandmother of four granddaughters! • I spoke

with Ursula Kent Lanigan, who continues to work at the Dexter School in Brookline. Ursula informed me that Ginny Scully Benzak's husband, Lou, died this past spring. Our prayers and sympathy go to Ginny and her family. • Our family enjoyed all the planning, celebrations, and excitement leading to the marriage of my son, Tim, to Jennifer Grady on April 22. • Keep me posted with current information and take the challenge of going to the BC Online Community to stay connected to the Class of 1960! Thanks and enjoy the fall!

1961

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God bless Bob Sullivan, and thanks from the Class of '61 for your years of service as our class correspondent. There are now going to be two of us attempting to fill your shoes. Not possible. Your eloquence will be missed. • Our 45th reunion was a real success, as we had the opportunity to attend the Pops at Symphony Hall and to have a dinner at Gasson Hall. We don't have a complete list of everyone who attended but those on the list and those we remember were Maureen Banks, Nancy Magri, John Ahearn, Jack Joyce, Jim Brennan, Kevin Donoghue, Ellen Tangney Donoghue, Paula Fitzgerald Bloomquist, Lois Lane, Bob Derba, Bob Buck, John Burke, Fr. Dick Harrington, Bob Perreault, Jim Logue, Jack Carr, Jim Collins, Tom Robinson, Paul Brennan, Tom Concannon, Ginny O'Neil, Dick Doyle, Bob Edwards, Nancy Drago, Fran Curley, Peggy Ryan Collins, Bob Sullivan, Mary Shea, Mary Turbini, George Downey, Sheila Nugent, Veronica McLoud, Angelo Fisichella, David Oberhauser, Bob Flaherty, Ted Geis, Bob Hannon, Dick Glasheen, Nick Moriarty, Ann Wasilauskas, MaryAnn DiMario, Judy Czarnecki, Kathy McGowan Cavanaugh, Hugh Cavanaugh, Bob Kelly, Tom Heffernan, Bob Harrington, Jack Sutton, Sheila Ritchie, John Hehir, Frank Larkin, John Kavanagh, Maureen O'Neill Looney, Ed O'Connor, Barbara O'Keefe Watkins, Dick O'Brien, Ann McHale, Jack McDowell, Tom Martin, Fred Cronin, John McNamara, and John Lonergan. Of course there was much talk about how quickly the years have passed and how much BC has changed. Lots of nostalgia. • In future issues we would like to provide

some information about all of you as we get ready for our 50th reunion. Since we all have some classmates who are wondering about each and every one of us, just let us know where you are living, where you are working, or if you're retired, etc. Please e-mail or call one of us. If you want us to call you back, just ask. Ladies, please include both your maiden name and your married name, if appropriate. There will be about 15 issues between now and our 50th. We want each of you mentioned in at least one of them.

NC 1961

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"Oh, the weather outside was frightful..." (as in rain), but our reunion gatherings were delightful. Our heartfelt thanks to committee members Brigid O'Sullivan, Ellen MacDonald, Mary Ann Morrissey, Linda Gray, and Joan Donohoe for a job well done. • Friday evening we gathered at Hovey House for a social hour with wine (compliments of Joan) and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a buffet dinner. This was organized by Linda and the committee. Needless to say there were many hellos, hugs, "it's been too long," and "how are you?" around the room. We caught up on news and reacquainting. As we were finishing dessert and coffee, we were able to quickly bring each other up-to-date on the goings-on in our lives at our rectangular "round table." One of the things that stood out, it seemed, was the joy so many took in their children and grandchildren. There were so many accomplishments among us. We have been teachers, therapists, a skating school owner, a translator, office managers, a ballet instructor, a probation officer, social workers, writers, Peace Corps volunteers, real estate agents, college professors, textbook editors, a yoga instructor, and volunteers. Attending Friday evening were Patsy Keating, Faith Mead, Sissy Kane, Mary Sue Flanagan, Ellen Mahony, Barbara Feely, Rosy Hanley, Sandy Irwin, Sallie Ann Dow, Babs Kager, Carol McGee, Mickey McQueeny, Alo Coleman, Mary Walsh, Kathy Hall, Gail Giere, Mookie Stehling, Maureen Mahoney, Elaine Fitzgerald, Ruth O'Neil, and Alice Decker. • Beth Good, Kathy Hafey, and Mary Lou Fortin joined us at Alumni House (our old library) on Saturday morn-

ing. Sr. Nancy Kehoe PhD '74 gave us topics for our discussion group. She urged us to reach out to those classmates who may not feel a connection to our "reunion." Clinging to sameness may hamper our transition to other stages of our life. Transition is a letting go to venture to new zones. She mentioned "ending—neutral—beginning." How do we adapt to the changes in us, our families, and the world around us? We really delved into these topics in our discussion group. • We then had lunch at the BC Law School (Stuart House), where Sheila Flaherty and Ellie Maher joined us. Mary Ann McDonald joined us for dinner in the evening.

• The reunion is an occasion to remember the sisters at Kenwood. Our own Sr. Judy Vollbrecht is in Haiti working with the orphans. Thanks to Faith for her donation to Sr. Judy. • Thanks to Larry Matthews '60, who supplied our piano background music Saturday evening. Our thanks, too, to Julie Nuzzo NC '74 who helped in the coordination. More to come in the next issue!

1962 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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Bob Capalbo and Nick Marcone, OSB, traveled to Fatima in mid-June. They planned to visit cities in both Portugal and Spain. • Joan Mullahy Riley and her husband, John, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June. Their six children had a surprise party that started with a Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellesley, celebrated by Fr. Tom Powers. Fr. Powers was our classmate at BC for three years before entering the seminary. The evening included a buffet dinner at Dan and Sheilah Sullivan's home in Wellesley. Class of '62 graduates attending included Paul McNamara and wife Mary, Jim O'Connor and wife Anne, Helen Murdock Rogers and husband Tom, and Frank and Trish Faggiano. • We have started to form our 45th Reunion Committee and would welcome any volunteers. The following classmates have already signed on: Laurel Eisenhauer, Paul McNamara, Jim O'Connor, Ronald Campanelli, Joyce Francis McDevitt, Frank Faggiano, Louis Abileira, and Bob King. If you are interested, please contact Walker Jones, who is coordinating our efforts with the Development Office and the Alumni Office. His number is

617-552-1445. • Please remember that you can submit class notes by going to the BC Alumni Association Website, www.bc.edu/alumni. We would love to hear from classmates both near and far. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1962 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

NC 1962 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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At the March Laetare Sunday breakfast, **Jack Connors**, the featured speaker, gave a fine presentation. Jack is retiring from the Board of Trustees after 27 years of wonderful service, the longest board term in BC history. • Also in attendance was **Joe Sullivan**. Joe lost his dear wife, Ann, last year, but reports that he and his five children are adjusting well to the situation. Joe lives in Waltham and keeps very busy running his longtime plumbing and heating business in Somerville. • Received a call from **Bill Moloney** in Colorado, where he has been state commissioner of education for nine years. Bill travels frequently as a speaker and writer, allowing for many visits back to Massachusetts, including summering on the Cape. He has two kids. Katherine has done scientific work in Antarctica and now lives in Australia. Christopher, a design engineer, has lived in Barcelona, and his work takes him to disparate locations such as China and Las Vegas. Sounds like peripatetic chips off the old block! • Bill reports that he is in touch with **Bill Shaw**. Since retiring as chairman of the English department at Le Moyne College, Bill has been teaching part-time and writing in North Carolina. He recently published a fine work about World War II, *Fellowship of Dust*. • Received at press time an e-mail from Colleen O'Shaughnessy, who reports that her husband, **Bernie O'Shaughnessy**, died on April 17. Bernie had been practicing real estate law in Boston for many years. They have

two sons, Brian and Matthew, and four grandchildren. Bernie is also survived by two brothers, Richard '59 and Robert. • Heard also of the death of **Sam Maroon** in December in Windham, NH. Sam was an assistant professor at both Newark State College and Antioch Graduate School, and had taught for many years in the Topsfield/Boxford school system. • Class condolences to their families. • Kindly send me news.

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Our classmate **Jim Spillane, SJ**, is stationed right in the epicenter of the earthquake that struck Indonesia in May. Here is an edited version of his report: "Greetings from Yogyakarta in agony. As you probably know by now, we were hit by an earthquake at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 27. It measured 5.9 on the Richter scale. Most of the worst devastation occurred south of the city, while our Jesuit residence is located on the north side. Our newly constructed house was able to handle the severe shaking and there was very little damage to our building, thank God. [...] Shortly after the earthquake hit and the radio reported that the worst damage was located in the area of Bantul and Gajahmungkur where the orphanage is located, I immediately rode my regular bicycle for the 20-mile journey since gasoline stations could not pump without electricity. [...] When I visited my former secretary in the research center (Ibu Puji) in Bantul, just about every house on her side of the main road was demolished but hers was safe. Her husband and two adolescent boys were also fine. Many of their neighbors died after being crushed by falling roof tiles and brick walls." Jim, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. • In other news, **Bill Bennett** reports: "I am headed to the Amazon to work as a volunteer on an environmental symposium that will be conducted on a boat plying the Amazon waters with 200

onboard (scientists, religious leaders, UN representation, the press). My wife, Ruth Rube, is recovering well from some serious health issues and looks forward to attending a BC home football game this fall." • **Ken Calabria** writes about a new BC tradition: "Jim Lucie and the Heightsmen rocked the BC campus at the reunion dance for the Class of 1966. This is the third year in a row that the band has played, having done our 40th followed by the Class of 65's 40th. They were so well received that the Class of 1967 asked them to play next year."

• For more class news, go to www.bc.edu/alumni and click on "Online Community."

NC 1964

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Alas, it has come to this. I am forced to report on medical issues, due to a decided lack of more uplifting submissions—hint, hint. **Ann Marie De Nisco L'Abbate** called to report that this past February must have been "hip replacement month." The recipients were **Judy Sullivan-Bescher**, **Judy Ernst Tortora**, and Tom Whalen, husband of **Carol Sorace Whalen**. Lucky Tom received two new hips. The irony of all this is that two months later, Ann Marie fractured her hip and wound up in Greenwich Hospital where, she said, she's sure her doctor was about 10 years old! No need for hip replacement there, I'm happy to report. All patients are recovering nicely, but what's with this hip business? • On a more upbeat note, while speaking with Ann Marie, she mentioned that the best English teacher she ever had was a woman named Phyllis Coates at Pelham High School in New York. Well, Phyllis Coates is the aunt of **Ann Coates Williams Cully**. Another "small world" occurrence. • I know that, as you read this, we're heading for another Christmas holiday, but I did want to mention that this past year I received a wonderful picture of **Jill Schoemer Hunter** and husband Dennis with their five grandchildren. I'm counting on an update this season. • Also in the great picture category was a terrific family photo of **Carol Sinnott Ulmer** and husband Charlie with their five children and five grandchildren. The occasion was Carol and Charlie's 40th anniversary on August 13, taken at the Larchmont Yacht Club. That's where

they had their wedding reception. I know, because I was there. • Carol reports that son Billy was married in June to Laurie Jordan. Laurie is the daughter of Jim Jordan, a sloganeer who created the "Ring around the Collar" and "When You're Having More Than One" campaigns. I was actually working at the BBDO advertising agency (my first job) when Jim Jordan was there. Small world once again. • Some years back, Carol and I had a (dare I say it?) three-hour lunch. Not anymore. Since April 29, Carol has become the full-time nanny for two of her granddaughters, ages eight and nine. Marc and I have only grand-cats, in the style of **Margot Butler Kirsis**. • In closing, I have a suggestion regarding all those prescription drugs with "child-resistant" caps. I think it's about time someone devised what I would call "geriatric-assistant" caps. Till next time.

1965

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Pat Trudel Pressel and her husband, Phil, recently sold their home in San Diego and moved into a high-rise with beautiful views of the bay. Phil had a kidney transplant in April; his new kidney was from the wife of one of Pat's nephews. He is feeling well. • You can go online to the BC Online Community and post your own information, which I can then include in this column. You may also e-mail me directly or write to me so that we can have more news in our section of the notes.

NC 1965

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Betsy Warren Werronen and husband Hank spent several weeks in Europe this past spring, visiting Vienna, Brussels, Berlin, and Prague. Betsy is the Republican National Committeewoman for the District of Columbia. She was elected in a citywide election in 2004 for a four-year term. She planned to travel to Minneapolis over the summer for the RNC summer meeting. • **P-J Mikita McGynn** has a new grandson, Darin Anthony Cashman. Born

on March 10, Darin is the second child of son Sean and his wife, Christina. On a sad note, P-J's dad died suddenly on April 22. Our sympathy and prayers go out to P-J and her family. • **Nancy Philpott Cook** attended her 45th high-school reunion and had a wonderful time reminiscing with **Karen Kinnealey** and **Judy Maguire** at Newton Country Day School. • Speaking of Karen Kinnealey, she has started a new job as the em-ployment/employee relations manager for the city of Newton. • **Joan Wienk Gallagher** continues to travel worldwide in her job. As of early March she had already been working in 10 different countries. • **Gay Friedman** had dinner with **Pat McEvoy Smith** and her husband, Rush, in Baltimore in June. Pat was down from Philadelphia to accept an award from the General Counsel's Office of the Social Security Administration for innovations to the administration's training programs. Gay had just returned from a trip to Budapest and Prague. She reports that they were both wonderful cities, but the weather was a bit cold for touring. • **Libby Miller Fitzgerald** entertained her children and grandchildren at parties celebrating husband Paul's retirement and the screening of son Paul's film at Sundance. Libby was in Alabama in April helping to build two Habitat for Humanity houses. • On April 13, I welcomed another grandchild, Claire Kelly Crimmins, courtesy of my son Mike '90 and his wife, Leslie, who live in Denver. I now have five granddaughters—enough for my girls' basketball team! • Sadly, I pass along the news of the death of **Mary Goldkamp Brooke** of Cross Junction, VA, on December 16, 2005, as reported in *BC Magazine*. I regret I have no other information, but I hope her family will know that our class grieves her loss and prays for them. • Please mark your calendars now for the second annual class reunion luncheon in New York City on December 4 at the University Club. **Janet McInerney Sargent** and Libby Miller Fitzgerald organized last year's very successful luncheon and will once again put this one together. Send me your e-mail address and I will be sure you are invited. • Thanks to all who sent news! Enjoy!

1966

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The 40th anniversary weekend was a smasher! Tempered by ebullient history and raw enthusiasm, neither rain nor Irish gale could quell our bent for enjoying each other. Some 150 hardy souls attended Saturday's bash with venerable Jim Lucie and the Heightsmen. Our music, the sounds of the '60s, even the space of Lyons Hall exuded soft charm, creating a comfortable, spell-binding, and captivating evening. These class notes will continue in the next issue. • A rainy Friday night was highlighted by the Flutie Brothers Band, including Darren '88 on guitar and Doug '85 on drums. Socializing followed in the lounge until 2 a.m. • Early Mass was held in the main reading room at Bapst Library, celebrated by Fr. William Leahy and a dozen Jesuits. And it rained! • Saturday night saw all the anniversary stars in alignment! Jim Lucie was on target, and 40 years of separation yielded to one grand, warm, faithful fest. Bear with this correspondent for the litany of convergence (my apologies for anyone inadvertently left off the list): Algis and **Gloria Adomaitis**, Janice Barrett, Bob and Jane Beauregard, youthful Marie and **John Biggs**, Dave and **Mary Ann Birch**, Ann and Bob Bond, Ralph and Pamela Bradley, **William Breen**, John and Maura Buckley, Nancy Buckley, Dick Capp, Charlie Chaney, Veronica and **Walter Casey**, Dick Chiozzi, Joe and **Fran Cocozza**, Roberta and Tim Collins, Tom and Jean Connelly, Bob Costello, Michael Costello, Janet and Morgan Costello, Linda and Michael Crespi, Florence '68 and **Daniel Cronin**, Rosemary and **John Dean**, Jane and Christopher Deering, Pat and **Mike Doherty**, Judy Downes, Janice and Joseph Duseau, Gail and John Ferney, Judy and **John Fitzgerald**, Sue and Ed Foley, Ann and Ernie Green, Jane '68 and **Charles Hanson**, Sr. Cecilia Harrison, Daniel '64 and **Donna Higgins**, John Hodgman, Kay and Bill Hurley, Karen and Allen Keirstead, Christine and **Bernard Krzynowek**, Carol and Michael Lahan, Betty Ann and **John Magilligan**, Dory and Lee Marchildon, Paul Marshall, Slater and Martha Martin, Edward Matthews, Anne and Tom McNeil, Cecelia Brodner Millea, **Patricia Murphy**, Donna and Thomas Neville, Patricia O'Grady, John Paxton, Georgine and Michael Quirke, Robert and Joan Redden, Julie and Fran Riley, Frederick Sabini, Mary Shann, Peggy '72 and Dick Syron, Dick Taylor, Pat and Joseph Thompson, Sam and Clare Thurston, Kate and Ed Tooomey, Jake Van Buren, Kathy '70 and Thomas Walsh, Kathy and Kevin Weidling, and Martha and Robert Wheeler.

NC 1966

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Fifty members of the Class of 1966 enjoyed a wonderful weekend of reunion activities in June. Two classmates attended after long reunion absences: **Marilyn Bohrer Dewar** had last attended 25 years ago and **Lucy Fortin Khoury**, 30 years ago! **Joan Candee Rentsch**, **Margie O'Brien Vail**, and **Cathy Beyer Hurst** hold the honors for being the only three graduates to attend all eight reunions. • As at previous reunions, the Saturday morning "Coffee and Conversation" was warm, insightful, inspiring, and thought-provoking, and the Saturday night party ended in energetic dancing to '60s rock in the front hall of Barat. For more reunion news, please check online and in future columns. • **Maureen Dwyer Smith** has had her own consulting company in Chicago since the 1980s. She is also a trustee of the Field Museum of Natural History, the Chicago Public Library Foundation, and the Joffrey Ballet. Son Edward III, a Harvard B-School grad, is a hedge fund manager in New York City, and Peter, a stock analyst in Chicago, is finishing up at the Kellogg School of Management. • Condolences to **Terry Ancona Orueta**, whose husband, Carlos, passed away in June 2005 after a four-month struggle with cancer. Terry had planned to retire last fall, but she took the post of upper-school coordinator at the American School of Bilbao (where she has worked for 28 years) when Carlos died. She writes: "I have a new understanding of grief and loss, something we all go through at one time or another. It is tremendously painful and difficult, but I have a wonderful family and friends, and a busy and meaningful life, so I am moving forward." Terry and her daughters (an architect, a lawyer, a businesswoman, and an occupational therapist) spent the Christmas holidays in the States with her mother and brother in Maryland. They also visited with **Sue Larkin** and **Margie Barritt** in Manhattan. • **Sharon Cuffe Fleming** writes: "I find myself more and more grateful for the social conscience that became part of me by osmosis due to my parents, and the education and example that family and friends have provided me. Gratitude is a most powerful and regenerative emotion." Sharon, a school social worker, also reports that her first grandchild was born in February. And

she ends with this comment: "The *New York Times* remains my 'bible' for good writing, pertinent information, and humorous, informative writing—an ongoing SWC!"

1967 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Rocco Magnotta served in Vietnam with the Army from November 1968 to November 1969 and is presently vice president/relationship manager at Bankers' Bank in Glastonbury, CT. • **Mike Mannion** was a lieutenant (Army) and served with the 4th Armored Division HQ while in the Adjutant General's Corps. He writes of seeing **Richard "Crash" Collins** at Fort Belvoir, VA, in 1969. • **Lou Scanlon** is currently chief of operations for the San Diego Police Department and resides in La Jolla. Lou served as a Navy pilot and retired as a commander in 1996. • **Richard Titilah** was with the 11th Armored Cavalry as an infantry sergeant in Vietnam. • **Jack Dolan** was a Navy lieutenant (jg), serving aboard a destroyer and a cruiser. • **Bill Donovan** was a captain in the Marines. • **Walter Sweeney** was a spec/5A (Army) in Vietnam. • **Bob Ginsburg** was a first lieutenant (USMC) in Vietnam. • The class has many women who also served. The Navy Nurse Corps was proud to have **Mary-Anne Woodward Benedict**, **Cindy Rae Butters**, **Mary Lou Downey Logue**, **Marcy Petroccione Umbricht**, **Donna Mae Donahue**, **Joan Brown Iacono**, **Ellen Hanley Frauman**, and others. The Army welcomed **Paula Edmonds-Hollifield**, and the Air Force had **Helen Ann Purcells**. • This information comes from just some of the e-mails that your correspondents have received. Please continue to send them, as we note those classmates who honorably served our country and alma mater, especially as we approach our 40th anniversary.

- Let us not forget **Dennis Reardon** (USMC), **John Fitzgibbons** (Army), and **Michael Counihan** (Army), our three classmates who were killed in action in Vietnam.
- Our 40th Reunion Committee has met twice, and by the time you read this you should have received a tentative schedule of reunion events to select. The committee has worked long hours and hopes that all classmates will make a real effort to attend our

40th reunion events, especially Reunion Weekend, June 1-3, 2007. Save the dates. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1967 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

NC 1967 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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I regret to report that no one out there has been in touch with news since last March, and it is now June, so I guess you'll have to settle for news from me, your class correspondent. • The Frees have had a busy spring, culminating in the marriage of our older daughter, Dena, to her longtime beau, Dennis Argerson. It was a beautiful late May wedding here in northern Virginia. Dena was the "princess" her nephew described her as being. The newlyweds are now living nearby in Falls Church. Dena continues to teach in the Fairfax County Public Schools system, and Dennis works in the banking business in suburban Maryland. • Newton had its own contingent in attendance: **Anne Caswell Prior** is Dena's godmother, so Anne and husband Richard drove down from Massachusetts to share in the excitement of the day. They continued their travels into central Virginia with friends from Falmouth, MA, hunting out Falmouth, VA, on their trek to visit "Falmouths" in many different states. • **Faith Brouillard Hughes** also came down to celebrate with us and was joined by her sister, Nancy Brouillard McKenzie NC '72, who knows Dena from the years we hosted the DC-area Newton College spring teas together. A grand time was had by all. • One week before the wedding, Bill and I traveled to New York City for three days to commemorate our younger daughter's completion of her MBA from Columbia University. Emily is now working as a planner in women's wholesale with Cole Haan in New York City. • Currently we are trying to relax before we host more visitors and head out on more travels over the summer. • I would appreciate contact from those of you with e-mail addresses so I can update my class listing after yet another system bug. A quick "hi" is all that I need. However, I truly hope to receive reports on your family events as well. I hear that many of you read the column with great anticipation, but I need some

news to pass on for the next column—don't save all your fun for sharing at next June's class reunion. You are planning on coming then, aren't you? Enjoy your fall!

1968

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May 22 was a special day for the **Dave Griffith** family. Their youngest child, Megan Ann, graduated from LSOE. The Griffiths have had a child at BC for every one of the last 10 years. Megan '06 joins Kathryn '02 and David '00. They ran into Maureen and **Kip Doran**, who were also staying at the Sheraton Needham. • Kip and Maureen were there to represent the BC Alumni Association at Commencement. Jim and I chatted with Kip in March at the Stockyard, cheering our Eagles hockey team in their championship series. • We were in Boston awaiting the birth of our newest grandchildren, numbers six and seven. Our beautiful twins, Kieran Patrick and Michaela Mary, were born in Boston on March 27 to our youngest son, Andrew '98, and his lovely bride, Patricia, who met as graduate students at BC. The Day family is filled with such ecstatic joy about our "double happiness!" • **Joe Hindle** writes that his daughter Sheila graduated from A&S in 2002. Following graduation, she traveled to Denver to explore culinary arts at Johnson & Wales. Next, she moved to Richmond and received her master's degree in psychology in May. This Renaissance woman will now pursue her PhD at Duke, after which Joe wonders if he might finally retire, though he guesses probably not. • **Rabbi Ken Block** is a chaplain for Veterans Affairs in Baltimore. In addition, he is an addiction chaplain for the VA Maryland Health Care System, an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and a chaplain for the Volunteer Fire Department of Bel Air, MD. He also acts as a facilitator for an American Cancer Society support group. He is currently licensed to perform weddings in most states as well. Ken received the BC Alumni Association Award of Excellence for Religion in 1978. • Sadly, our classmate **Jack Spellecy** died unexpectedly of a heart attack on March 3 at his home in Hornell, NY. After graduating from BC where he played football and baseball, Jack

spent five years in the Peace Corps, three of those years in the Fiji Islands and two in the Solomon Islands. He met and married his wife, Lomani, in Fiji. Jack owned and operated the John R. Spellecy Accounting and Tax Service in his hometown. He leaves behind his beloved wife, four children, and three grandchildren. So sad.

NC 1968

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Many thanks to the 60th Birthday Celebration Committee chairs **Kathy Hogan, Marcy McPhee, Betty Downes, Pat Mannion, Carolyn Brady, Judy Vetter**, and **Sue Sturtevant** for putting together a fantastic weekend in Charleston last April. • We all reconnected Friday night over cocktails; spent Saturday plantation touring, garden strolling, golfing, or shopping; and revisited the old "Newton Boat Ride" on a dinner cruise Saturday night. The evening ended with kudos to Betty Downes and **Kathy Wright**, who proved that being 60 is not so bad after all. Sunday we lingered over breakfast and said our farewells—happy, tired, and ready to go home. • Speaking of home, we covered 18 states. The largest contingent came from Massachusetts and included **Meg O'Mara** (also of South Carolina), **Pam Maine, Susan Regine, Trish Marshall, Maura Jane Curtis, Marcy McPhee, Marie Manahan, Susie Derry, Kathy Hogan, Mary Fran DePetro, Jeannie Sullivan McKeigue** (also of Florida), **Ann O'Hara, Connie Gaussa, Carolyn Brady, and Chris Bruguere**. New Yorkers came in second (this has nothing to do with baseball, folks!). **Pat McEvoy, Jane Sullivan, Martha Harrington, Ellen Mello, Barbara Farrell**, and I rounded out this group. Rhode Islanders **Jean Mollicone, Angelica Bevilacqua**, and **Jean Sullivan Burchard** tied with Virginians **Pat Mannion, Donna Deeley, and Dorcey McGowan**. Full-time Floridians included **Linda Cavaliere** and **Kathy Wright**. New Mexico sent us **Betty Downes** and **Sue Sturtevant**. Last, but not least, our independents: **Donna Sandmaier** (Georgia), **Julia Lopez** (California), **Marge Smith** (Maine), **Carol Duane** (Ohio), **Marge Gaynor** (Colorado), **Tish Roney** (Michigan), **Polly Kayser** (Maryland), **Jane Hanify** (New Hampshire), **Margo Rodgers** (New Jersey), **Catharine Murray** (Pennsylvania), **Katie O'Connor** (Illinois), and **Judy Vetter** (Texas).

• We are definitely taking 60 in stride and are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. **Donna Deeley**, after a long career in computer technology, is learning French and skiing. **Meg O'Mara** is singing. **Margo Rogers** has cut back on her "billable hours" to devote more time to writing and publishing stories. **Jane Hanify** fulfilled a lifelong dream by closing her law practice and moving to a log cabin in New Hampshire. **Julia Lopez** retired from a distinguished career in public service, working on issues of urban poverty all over the world, and now enjoys traveling for fun. • **Jean Mollicone**, who has climbed almost every mountain from Mt. Kilimanjaro to Vinson Massif in Antarctica, sums it up with her favorite quote from Goethe: "Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has wisdom, power, and magic in it." Can't wait to hear about your adventures.

1969

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Robert Wise, president and CEO of Hunterdon Healthcare System, was selected by MDAdvantage Insurance Company of New Jersey to receive the Edward J. Ill Excellence in Medicine Award for Outstanding Medical Executive. This award recognizes health-care leaders for accomplishments that have significantly impacted the delivery of health care in New Jersey and around the nation. This award is among the highest honors given in New Jersey's health-care community. Bob became the president and CEO of Hunterdon in 1990. He also serves as president and CEO of the system's member organizations. Last year, Bob received the American College of Healthcare Executives' Senior Executive Regent's Award. Bob is currently a board member of Raritan Valley Community College and serves as chairman of VHA East Coast. • I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. Please take the time to e-mail me and let me know what is new with you.

NC 1969

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A bit of sadness enshrouds our class. Our former class correspondent, **Pat Kenny Seremet**, of Hartford, CT, died on May 20, the result of a brain aneurysm she suffered on May 9. Don't we all have fond memories of Pat? She lived in my dorm, but I mainly remember how she would enter the dining hall in one of her leopard or black patent-leather dresses (remember how we had to dress for dinner?), and everybody would know she had arrived. It wasn't just everybody at Newton who knew Pat. She developed quite a following in Hartford. Over the past 35 years Pat reported on a wide range of subjects for the *Hartford Courant*, but she found her real niche at the *Courant* when she created her "Java" column. Pat recorded the social happenings of Hartford and beyond. As an editor of the *Courant* said, "Pat connected with human beings. She was a serious newspaperwoman but with a capacity for mischief and playfulness." She is survived by three children: two sons and one daughter. • Condolences are also offered to **Paula Fisher Paterson** on the death of her sister, Joan Fisher Gerwin of Cincinnati. • On a much happier note, **June King Davidson** took early retirement from teaching in Connecticut, sold her "Pickwick Palace," and moved to wonderful Wilmington, NC, where she is enjoying the history of the city, its music scene, and its broad beaches. Her "spa" is open to any visitors venturing south. • Kudos to **Deborah Donovan!** She writes that after 37 years she finally received her master's in American studies from Trinity College in Hartford—and with honors! • On a personal note, my daughter Meghan graduated from the College of the Holy Cross, her father's alma mater. She is presently working for the American Junior Golf Association in tournament operations, setting up venues all along the East Coast for highly talented high-school golfers. Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and my Meghan are all alumni of these tournaments. • Now that my nest is really empty, my husband has convinced me that it is time to downsize to a smaller cluster home, and so we are. Anybody in this same boat? Send news about it.

1970

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Hi, gang. Looks like another glorious fall

season at the Heights. I hope many of you get to enjoy an afternoon in Alumni Stadium. • I'll be mentioning several locals this time, starting with **Steve Hanley**, who resides in Chestnut Hill no more than a stone's throw from campus. I ran into Steve at the BC Club in Boston last spring. He's left the nine-to-five world and is now an incipient landlord in Greater Boston. Recently, Steve suffered a severe hip injury while working on one of his rental properties. His wife, Terri, is still working for the publisher DC Heath in its international publishing department. They'll be spending more time at their getaway home on a lake in central Massachusetts now that their two daughters and one son are pretty well grown. • At the same function, I ran into **Ginger McCourt**, who along with her husband runs one of the biggest construction businesses in Greater Boston. Ginger and her family were among those pictured in a recently published book of photographs of prominent Bostonians, put together by a longtime photographer for the *Boston Globe*. • While working on my 40th high-school reunion, I've had a chance to get together with **Ed Juliano**. Ed lives in Sudbury and has a law practice in Acton focusing on international trade and customs. He and his wife, Diane '72, have two children: Ted '03, now with Investors Bank and Trust in Boston, and Audrey Simmons '00, now working for a nonprofit also in Boston. • Having noted **Jack Osborn** in a previous column, I want to mention **Don Benson** to round out the four of us from Wayland High who began commuting to the Heights in that long ago September of 1966. Don received an MBA from Babson and has been with the Treasury Department for a number of years, currently serving as the manager of the Inspector General's Office in Boston. He lives in Ashland with his wife, Patricia, and two children: Eric, a junior at UMass, and Alyssa, a junior at Ashland High. • Thanks to **John Bronzo**, Joanne and I had a chance to attend the BC Wall Street dinner last spring, where I caught up a little with **Steve Amoroso** JD '74, another of our many class lawyers. Steve now maintains a solo practice in New York City focused on estate planning and real estate with some civil litigation. He's one of those who is a full-time

New Yorker, with an apartment right in downtown Manhattan.

NC 1970

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Congratulations to Sr. Elizabeth White, who received an honorary degree from Boston College in May! • **Harriet Mullaney** participated in El Salvador's recent municipal and legislative elections as an international observer (as she had for the 2004 presidential elections). She was assigned to El Salvador's

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poorest department. There, the major source of income is money sent from emigrants abroad, so "getting out the vote" includes inducements that might seem novel to US voters. Indeed, one party proudly showed international observers 15,000 lunches prepared for distribution to needy voters once the polls opened. Harriet has published an article titled "Not All of Latin America Has Made a Left-hand Turn." To learn more, visit Harriet's blog at <http://es-elections.blogspot.com>. It is fascinating reading. • Also, Harriet reports that **Kathy Kearney** is well and busy. We send her love. • **Alison Youngs Caughman** and husband Wright have lived 16 years in Atlanta, where Wright chairs Emory University's dermatology department and directs its clinic. Working from home, Alison consults periodically for trade groups and stays busy volunteering. After a 2004 trip to Haiti, she recommends that every American visit a third-world country to understand how much we take for granted! Daughter Shirah (Georgetown '01) married her college sweetheart and moved to New York City. Son Stewart (Emory '05) was flooded out of his New Orleans apartment by Katrina, was missing for four harrowing days after evacuating directly into the path of the storm's eye, and now lives in Atlanta. The empty nest looms, as son Chris heads to Duke this fall. • Approximately 500 students and teachers at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School hosted a "Celebration of World Languages" to raise money for a scholar-

ship named after **Nancy Durkin Orazem**, who taught at the school until her death last year. The evening was a mix of music (classical and rap), Spanish and Portuguese poetry, theater, indoor “street” performances, capoeira (a Brazilian martial arts/acrobatics dance), salsa, polka, and student-made podcasts and films—in short, a joyous, diverse performance Nancy herself would have loved! The event fittingly commemorated Nancy’s indomitable spirit.

1971

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The 35th Reunion was a great success with 80 classmates in attendance despite a “monsoon” that limited the outdoor activities. Chairman **Ed Saunders** was a gracious host of our class party, held in the Yawkey Center. Among classmates seen at events were **Rick Barry**, **Anne Bachalis Blake**, **Tom Burke**, **Peter Cardia**, **David Castiglioni**, **Paul Collins**, **Mike Costello**, **Brian Curry**, **Stewart Dobson**, **Donna Dolan**, **Ed Driscoll**, **Jean Fallon**, **Kevin Fee**, **Bob Griffin**, **Tom Henneberry**, **Mark Holland**, **Bob Maguire**, **Maurine Mallon**, **John McCarthy**, **Mark McGovern**, **Patricia Mercaitis**, **John Murphy**, **Peter Oberto**, **Donna Henderson O'Brien**, **Mike Power**, **Bill Reilly**, **Phil Tracy**, and **Don Zak**. Several people brought photos from our BC years. Particularly memorable were those taken at Jack Dempsey’s bar in Manhattan after a BC/Army football game in 1970! • Congratulations to Class Gift Chairs Bob and **Janet Pierni Griffin**, Joe and **Joan Fallon Maher**, and their committee members for shattering the fundraising goal and reaching a record \$6.5 million with 27 percent of the class participating. • Mike and Kathy Costello report that they had a fantastic time at the Reunion. They now have two daughters with a total of three BC degrees: Christy ’06 and Liz ’99, JD ’04. Their youngest daughter, Jen, is attending Oberlin College, but they hold out hope for graduate school at BC and another Eagle! • Mike Power attended the Reunion activities with his wife Kathy ’72 and reports that they had a great time. Their son, Mike ’98, is in his third year at Suffolk Law School. • Tom Burke has spent the last 35 years in North Carolina working in the insurance industry, now with Wachovia. He celebrated his 32nd anniversary on June 1. His daughter Sharon

(26) is with Wachovia Bank in Cary, NC, and Allison (28) is a second-year ER resident at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. • **Helen Walsh McCusker** reports that she was unable to attend the reunion, despite having worked on the committee. It turned out that it was on the same day as her son Tim’s wedding! **Jim Deveney**, **Robin Martin Lafleur**, and **Joe and Mary Rull** were in attendance at the wedding as well and had a great time. • **Anne Kenney Chaplin** was reappointed to the Massachusetts Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee by the justices of the MA Supreme Judicial Court. Anne is currently Southeast Housing Court First Justice. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she practiced law for 22 years. • Please write or email me with Reunion stories or news of your activities. I look forward to hearing from you.

NC 1971

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As **Colleen Ross Rossi** glanced through our yearbook, courtesy of **Eileen McIntyre**, she burst out with, “That dress is so familiar!” I think it was **Noreen Carey-Neville** who finally loaned her a pair of glasses (since the rest of us were laughing uncontrollably), and she discovered she was looking at herself! Noreen and her husband recently purchased a gorgeous bed-and-breakfast in Plymouth. Eileen gets two awards: for bringing the yearbook and for bringing her husband, Roy Harris, the only hubby who made the trek. • Although most of the crowd came from the northeastern section of the country, we did have a few out-of-towners: **Madelaine Finnerty** (Ohio), **Pat Slattery** (North Carolina), and myself (Florida). **Delly Markey Beekman** gets the award for most children graduating from or attending BC (four). **Suzy Martin** and **Kate Russell** get the award for the yummiest after-party snacks. Also present were **Jane Maguire**, **Irene MacIsaac Hoffman**, **Polly Nugent Patti**, **Pat Meek McDougall**, **Shannon Randall**, **Angi Scott**, and **Mary Lou DeLong**. Everyone had a great time; we only wish more of you could have made it. • The following morning we celebrated the alumnae reunion liturgy at Trinity Chapel. We remembered deceased classmates **Patricia Massa Bass**, **Margaret Brady**, **Kathleen F. Connelly**, **Theresa L. McGlynn**, **Teresa Ann Mullen**

and **Jean-Lorraine Rummel** and prayed for all the members of our Newton family. • **Martha Iarrapino** has volunteered to be the keeper of the mistress list. If you wish to add your name to our e-mail list, please contact her at miarrapino@comcast.net. • Among those who couldn’t make it were **Sharon Zailckas Lena** (attending a graduation), **Anne Phelan** (attending a wedding), and **Jo Anne Kennedy** (family obligations). • JoAnne did send the following news: “I managed to attend the mini-reunion last fall (Washington, DC) and spent some time with Renie, Kildeen, **Marty Kendrick**, and a host of others. I am still living in Connecticut with my husband, Bill, and 13-year-old son, Liam. I went back to work about two years ago with JPMorgan in New York City. Needless to say, retirement is not quite in the near future for us! I do speak with **Jackie Forbes** with some regularity. She and Doug are empty nesters still in Seattle and just had a fabulous trip to Africa with their kids to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. I also occasionally hear from **Kathy Winton**, who is still in England. She and Neil are living outside London, and ironically, Kathy is also working for JPMorgan on a consultant basis.” • Please stay in touch and stay well.

1972 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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I know it’s redundant of my last column, but I have some more highs and lows to describe. • The highs: it was possibly the best school year ever for the athletic department. No other college made both the Frozen Four of hockey and the Sweet 16 of basketball. Only two others (Texas and Ohio State, both with vastly more revenue) ranked higher in both football and basketball. We extended the longest bowl winning streak in college football. There are even televised BC baseball games. • The low: my 25 years of fun following the career of Doug Flutie ’85 has finally ended. I figure that his total of more than 65,000 yards passing at BC and in the NFL and the Canadian League exceeds 36 miles. • Speaking of BC athletes, **Mike Spatola**, ex-varsity lacrosse player who’s in charge of development at the Law School, reports that his daughter Margo ’09 was the star of the women’s varsity in that sport this year. She’s the third of Mike’s daughters to

enroll at BC. Her sister Elizabeth '04 is assistant to the general manager of the San Diego Chargers, while Julie '06 graduates in December. • Mike tells me that Daniel Ward, son of **Henry** and **Suzanne Quealy Ward**, graduated from BC Law School this year and is clerking for a federal judge. • I got a note from **Tom Herlehy** saying that he's still in Cairo, Egypt, working in economic development. This assignment follows his stints in Madagascar and Ukraine. • Last spring we had a visit here in California from Andy Boynton '78, dean of the Carroll School of Management. At the event, I got to see Orange County businessmen **Brian Corrigan**, Jim Fallon '73, and Chris Martin '73. Brian reported that his son Connor (15) was on a school trip to Europe. Later, Jim hosted a mini-reunion of Gold Key Society alumni for me and his neighbor **Ed Jantzen**. • Speaking of the Gold Key, my condolences to the family of Gerry Zyla '73, who passed away in February. Gerry, an attorney in Buffalo and a schoolmate of Tim Russert Hon. '04 at Canisius High, was elected president of the society for the 1972-73 school year as we were graduating. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1972 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

NC 1972 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Spring brought beautiful weather, Newton alumnae, and the annual spring tea to the Chevy Chase, MD, home of our gracious hostess, Martha Kendrick Kettmer NC '71. Thanks to Martha, Julie Hirschberg Nuzzo NC '74, Pat Winkler Browne NC '60, and Eva Sereghy NC '71 for making the tea a joy and a treasure always. • Our spirited alumnae listened to Dr. Judith Wilt, endowed chair of the Newton College Alumnae Professorship in Western Culture, discuss her academic career and her latest publication, *Behind Her Times: Transition England in the Novels of Mary Arnold Ward*. In addition, Julie spoke about what is happening throughout Boston College. **Lisa Kirby Greissing**, **Susan Martell Buffone**, and I represented our class. • Also, Karen Olson, RSCJ, let us know about the transition of our retired RSCJs from Kenwood to Tersian House in Albany. For more information about the transition go to

www.rscj.org/kenwood • Congratulations to Elizabeth White, RSCJ, on receiving an honorary degree at the 2006 Boston College Commencement for her lifelong commitment as a Religious of the Sacred Heart to the ministry of teaching. • **Meg Barres Alonso**, who lives in Philadelphia, went to New York City to meet **Penny Price Nachtmann**, who was in from California for an education conference. Both had a grand time running around the city and catching up on Newton news. Penny had recently seen **Connie McConville Peirce**, Agnes Acuff Hunsicker NC '71, and **Judy Birmingham Harrington**. Sadly, however, Meg noted that Penny's mother had passed away. Meg also had news about the Alonso family. Meg and Mario just returned from Argentina, where Mike, a junior majoring in Latin American affairs at Princeton, is studying for six months. His brother Matt just became engaged to his girlfriend, Windy, as Meg says a perfect name for the future wife of a meteorologist! Meg is looking forward to our 35th reunion next year. • Take care. Please send Newton news.

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Hello, classmates. Two of you sent great e-mails. The first is from classmate **John F. Kelly**, who wrote: "My close friend and former football teammate at Boston College, **Paul Boudreau**, is now the offensive line coach for the St. Louis Rams. Paul has been in the NFL since the mid 1980s and is one of the top offensive line coaches and a great guy. Paul is married to the former **Joan Sennott**. He and I went to Bordentown Military Institute in New Jersey (closed in '72) with other BC players **John O'Hagan**, Steve Cipot, and Gene Comella '71. **Mike Podgorski** is well and works for the State of New York as an accountant; **Dave "Hondo" Ellison** lives in East Longmeadow; **John "Rooster" McElgunn** is in New Jersey. My wife of 30 years, Ginger, and I live in Sea Girt, NJ, and have three sons. The two oldest are University of Miami grads, and the youngest is a senior at the University of Vermont. I still work in government transportation contracting and enjoy fishing the Manasquan River Inlet and the Halifax River at our condo in Port Orange, FL." • The second e-mail was from **Mary Eliza-**

beth Barrett MA '74. Mary Elizabeth has just closed a play in New York City called *The Dress*, which was the producer's pick in the Turnip and Globe Theatre's 12th Annual Play Festival. She has signed on to play the role of Fannie Clark in P.T. Anderson's new film, *There Will Be Blood*. Mary Elizabeth will be playing opposite Daniel Day-Lewis. She also can be seen at video stores in the film *The Carpet Creature*, and her short film, *Morning Glory*, is playing at the Edgemont Center for the Arts in Los Angeles. She played Queenie, the lead character. Mary Elizabeth lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Richard Tuttobene, and their son Barrett. Her good friend, and best bud, **Jo-Ellen Darcy**, came to New York City to take in Mary Elizabeth's play. Jo-Ellen is senior policy advisor for the US Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works in Washington, DC. Thank you so much, Mary Elizabeth, for letting your classmates hear from you. We all wish you the best of luck and look forward to seeing you at the movies! • Classmates, keep sending your e-mails. We all look forward to hearing from you and reading a little bit about what you have been up to. Until next time.

NC 1973

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Hi, everyone! I hope you enjoyed your summer. Thanks to **Chester Labedz** for the note about our classmates who attended the April 8 apotheosis of **Thomas F. Flynn** as the sixth president of Alvernia College in Reading, PA. Joining Chester and his wife, **Elizabeth (Kain)**, were **Kathleen M. O'Donnell**, **Stephen E. Fix**, **Jacquelyn (Chernesino) Bell** and husband J.J., and **Robert Scavone** and wife Sheila. Susan and Frank Tracy also attended. Chet is completing his PhD in organizational studies at CGSOM. Kathleen practices municipal law with Kopelman & Paige in Boston. Steve is a professor of English at Williams. Betsy is the

head librarian at the Boston office of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham. Jackie recently left a senior corporate position at Citizens Bank to work part-time on various corporate and not-for-profit boards and to enjoy her family in Gloucester. Bob is an executive with an international ports company. Congratulations, Tom, and thanks, Chet! • Congratulations also go out to **Sean E. Hunt**, who was recently elected president of the New Hampshire Society of Anesthesiologists for a two-year term. Sean is the medical director of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Ambulatory Surgery Center in Manchester and is an assistant professor at Dartmouth Medical School. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Stratham and have two sons, Christopher and Matthew. • I received a note from **Jo Ursini**. She and her family are doing well and are still living in Virginia Beach. • Take care and thanks for the news.

NC 1974

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Congratulations to our classmate **Anne Camille Maher** MBA '82 on her marriage in November 2005 to Bob Talley. They were married at St. John's in Hopkinton with many family members in attendance, including 17 nieces and nephews and one new grand-niece. Anne wore a gown made from her grandmothers' dresses: Anna's lace from 1907 and Camille's 1918 satin, which Anne's own mother wore in 1948. Anne is working as a market research consultant to pharmaceutical companies, currently on a gig at Shering-Plough in Kenilworth, NJ. Bob owns a printing company and is studying for his private pilot's license. The couple resides both in Pittsgrive, NJ, and in Pocasset, where they have a cottage on Hens Cove. • Best wishes to **Joseph B. Collins** on his induction as a fellow into the American College of Bankruptcy on March 17 in Washington, DC. Joe was one of 22 nominees from the United States and abroad who were inducted in the 17th class ('06) of college fellows. He is a shareholder

in the law firm of Hendel & Collins, PC, of Springfield. • Congratulations to **Jayne Mehne** and her husband Chris '74 on the marriage of son Jeffrey to Kim McKenna '02. The nuptials took place on June 17 at the majestic Willowbend Country Club in Mashpee on Cape Cod. Guests enjoyed a beautiful ceremony and reception overlooking an extraordinary vista of rolling hills, scrub pines, and exquisitely landscaped gardens. BC classmates enjoying the celebration were **Tricia Jordan** and **Jeff Graeber**, **Mary Peters Cammarata** and husband Paul '74, **Karen Maguire Reaves** and husband Dana, **Judy Rainha Whitney** and husband Bob, and yours truly. Mary and Paul Cammarata had a fabulous time last April visiting their son Matthew, who was studying abroad in Madrid, Spain. They enjoyed the sights and sounds of Madrid and Granada. *Ole!* In August, Tricia and Jeff will be heading to Italy for a summer vacation under the Tuscan sun; Karen and Dana will be visiting wine country in the San Francisco area (with plans to travel to Italy next year); and I will be touring Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. • **Maureen Martin Brown** and her husband, Ken, are proud to announce their daughter Shannon's engagement, and plans are underway for a July 2007 wedding in Missoula, MT. Shannon graduated from Concordia College in Moorehead, MN, with a BS in nutrition. She will begin her internship in Cordova for 17 weeks and complete it at Merit Hospital in Fargo, ND. Congratulations to all! • As always, I welcome any news you wish to share. Best regards.

NC 1975

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Hi and thanks for all of your news. • **Pam (Shannon) Rice Boggerman** says hello to all and asked for directions to Class Notes Online. Go to www.bc.edu/alumni and click on Online Community, log in, and then click on Class Notes. To register for the Online Community, you will need to know your Boston College EagleID, which can be found on the back of *BC Magazine*, on the line above your name (it's the last eight digits). • **Moira Nestor Stansell** wrote (on the day of her daughter's wedding shower!) a hello to all and to let me know that **Karen Paredes Lewis** also lives in Cohasset. • **Eileen Sutherland Brubacher** tells me that

she and Josh have sent both Dan and Jay off to the real world. Eileen is a structural settlement broker with Ringler Associates. She's sorry they missed the '05 reunion. • In the spring, two more of **Carol Finigan Wilson**'s daughters graduated. This time it was Ginny and Ashley. That leaves only one at home! Good thing Carol is part of BC Connections, a mentoring program for female students during their senior year and first year out. She also reports that she had a great weekend in Boston in May with **Mary Ferris**, **Karen Foley Freeman**, and **Julie Ryan Parker**. I'll post her entire letter on the Website. • **Joanne Manfredi** was planning to travel through Italy in July to attend two family weddings. Upon her return, she will be getting ready to leave her practice in Manhattan and move to a new position in Palm City, FL, near her parents. She has recently seen **Suzanne Laskas**, who is a pediatrician in Boca Raton. • I had lunch today with **Liz Mahoney Flaherty**, who had a busy summer schedule of basketball and lacrosse camps and tournaments for Allison and Danny. **Cyndee Crowe Frere** is going to be a grandmother! **Nancy Coughlin Ferraro** will send daughter Laura off to Duke in August. **Louise Paul Morin** had some surgery in early June. • **Jean Kanski Bittl** gave me the bittersweet news that she is recovering well from breast cancer. She says support from her Newton friends was a huge comfort when she was so sick. She sent me an e-mail address for **Caryl Forrestal**, so I'll bother her for some news (maybe of Basia and Libby?). • I'm back from two weeks in Europe, including a trip to Carnac, France, to attend the wedding of the daughter of my cousin Mary Patricia McGovern Cedelle NC '71. I wrapped up the trip in London with **Margi Caputo**, which included chance tickets to an Eric Clapton concert at Royal Albert Hall. • Call me in Chatham, 508-945-2477, if you are on the Cape before October.

1976

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The 30th reunion was a rousing success, with over 300 in attendance. Even the rainiest spring in over 40 years, forcing all events indoors, could not dampen the spirit, excitement, and camaraderie imbued in our class. The Reunion Committee was con-

gratulated by many for a job well done, as the decorations, food, and music were all top shelf. Ann Connor of the Alumni Association was superb in assisting our class, and we thank her profusely! We hope that our 35th in '11 will continue our tradition of wonderful gatherings! • **Andy Hernandez** failed to attend the reunion for the finest of reasons: On Friday of Reunion Weekend he and his wife welcomed their second child, Allison. Big brother Julien (4) was as delighted as his parents. Andy remains assistant dean of students at Stanford University, and he and Julien attend many home basketball games. Alas, Julien thinks that his daddy matriculated at "Boston Red Sox College." Congratulations, Andy! • All classmates are urged to contribute to our class gift to BC. Info is available at www.bc.edu/friends. • The Class of 1976 Scholarship Fund was established by us in 1997 and presently has a value exceeding \$90,000. It is a need-based scholarship, with preference given to children of classmates. This past year's recipient was Rachel V. Wright '09, who was awarded \$4,087 toward the cost of her BC education. Her excitement and gratitude were heart-warming, to say the least. • **Eleanor A. Elias** attended the reunion, coming in from Barrington, IL, where she is president of Consumer Career Search. Thanks for the dance, Eleanor. • It was very nice to see **Arthur Carlock**, who successfully fought serious health problems some years back. • May all have a healthy and happy fall, but please take time to drop a line! God bless!

1977 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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Our hearts go out to **Shawn Larsen** and her family for the loss of their beloved son, Ryan, who died in an accident the day after he finished his freshman year at Marlboro College. More than 500 people attended Ryan's memorial service at Trinity Chapel at BC. The memorial was co-celebrated by BC priests Fr. Tony Penna and Fr. Julio Giulietti, SJ, a Jesuit and Buddhist philosopher. Some of Shawn's best BC friends from Connecticut, North Carolina, and New York attended the service, and many more have written and empathetically shared the depth of her loss. Shawn extends her appreciation to everyone who reached out to her and her family during

their time of spiritual need: "I am grateful for everyone's prayers and hope that all parents give their children affection as well as encouragement for their hearts to know how loved they are. The saddest part of death is not having another chance to show Ryan how deeply he is loved as we always had in life." • **Barbara Bibas Montero** submitted her update after she read the Spring edition of *BC Magazine*'s class notes and realized she was not included in **Beth Furman**'s write-up on the "Rat Pack" reunion in Miami. It so happens that Barbara not only joined the Rat Pack for two dinners but gave some of the group a tour of Miami Beach, where she resides with her husband, Manuel, and two teenage daughters. Barbara is currently vice president of marketing for Saf-T-Pay, an Internet payment system. • **Richard J. Burness** is national tax managing partner in Deloitte's insurance industry tax practice. Richard and his wife, Karen, live in South Windsor, CT, with their two daughters, Courtney and Chelsea. He still keeps in touch with **Pat Simmons**. Rich and Pat get together from time to time while on vacation in Bethany Beach, DE; Pat has a vacation home there. Richard also keeps in touch with **Jim Green**, who is a partner at Pepe & Hazard, a Hartford law firm. They meet for lunch on a fairly regular basis at the cafeteria in Richard's office building. Jim is married to **Ann McCarthy**. Pat, Jim, and Ann, why don't you drop me a line and tell us what you are up to? • Everyone, get ready for our 30th reunion and send me your updates! God bless us all, and may all good things find the path to your door. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1977 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

1978

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Sostena Romano was recently honored by Yale-New Haven Hospital with a distinguished nursing service award. She was nominated by her peers for her advocacy for the profession of nursing, her innovation in nursing practice and patient care, and her willingness to share knowledge. Since 1991, Sostena has served as the clinical coordinator for the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital Pediatric AIDS Care program and has

helped the program grow from 30 children to 200. • **Atim Eneida George** received a chieftancy title in Nigeria, where she serves as a public affairs officer for the US Consulate General in Lagos. In June 2006, she received an honorary degree from Babcock University in recognition of her efforts to promote positive relations between the United States and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

1979

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Our class owes **Laura Vitagliano** a huge debt of gratitude for her dedication as class correspondent for 22 years. As her successor, I will attempt to fill her shoes with the same enthusiasm and reliability that Laura so generously provided our class. • My name is **Stacey (Shannon) O'Rourke**. My husband, **Brian O'Rourke**, and I have three sons: Colin (19), a freshman at BC; Devin (16); and Angus (10). We live in Winchester, and I have spent the last 19 years raising children. I have tried to get fired a number of times, but sadly they keep me on. • Brian and I have crossed paths with countless BC alumni over the years. We have had somewhat regular contact with **Derek Dalton**, who lives in California with his wife, Karen, three children, and a Newfoundland. **Jeff Kurtz** currently resides in Atlanta with his wife and two little girls. **Craig Whiting** lives in Darien, CT, with a family that includes a set of twin boys. Surprisingly, in between athletic events and community projects, he runs several successful computer camps. **David Ford** still lives in his old neighborhood in Chicago and is the father of four; he'll send his oldest to Williams in the fall. **Sarah Van Erk** serves as marketing and advertising director for the Corcoran Group-The East End. She has left New York City after 25 years to live in South Hampton. Good move. • **Pat Lynott Bonan**, a founding member of the Council for Women of Boston College, was recently appointed vice chair of the council's Initiatives Committee. • So let's hear it: the good, the bad, and the ugly. I want to hear from **Walter Fitzsimmons**, **Katie Foote**, **Nickie Grimes**, **Annie Corcoran**, **Jody and Victor Dowling**, **Annie Martin**, **Joe Jenkins**, **Jayne Dudley**, and **Jane and Joe Blute**. I'll continue to name names if

necessary. I know that the world is shrinking as I age, and it's comforting to know the struggles and victories we share along with our history. So please e-mail or write me at ssorourke79@bc.edu or Stacey1957@comcast.net.

1980

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Peter Genovese has been named vice president of JEOL USA, a supplier of electron microscopes and analytical instruments. He has held successive management positions in the company's sales department since joining JEOL in 1983. Peter managed a sales team with regional offices throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico as well as South America. He and his wife live in Reading with their three children.

1981

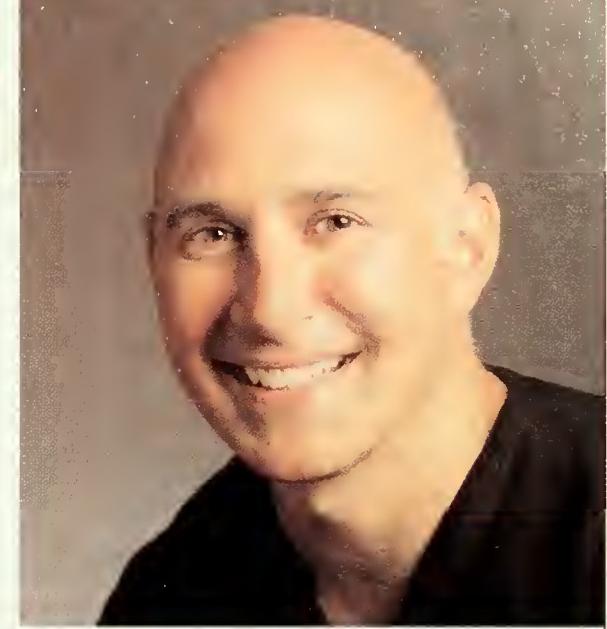
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Sheila McKeon is in the western Ohio office of the law firm Gallagher Sharp, where she has been a partner for over 10 years, focusing her practice on transportation and general litigation issues. Sheila received her law degree from Case Western Reserve University. • **Steven Carpinella** has joined the commercial banking division at TD Banknorth, NA, in Worcester. As a vice president, he is responsible for developing new commercial loan relationships and providing customer service to existing customers throughout Massachusetts. Steven is a member of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, the MetroWest Chamber of Commerce, and the Worcester Economic Club. • **Bob Kelly**, a colonel in the US Marine Corps, has written us about his second mobilization to active duty and second deployment to Iraq within the past 2-1/2 years. He is the First Marine Expeditionary Force liaison officer to the Multi-National Corps-Iraq Command at Camp Victory in Baghdad. Although his work keeps him very busy, he finds it tremendously rewarding. Bob says our classmates would be extremely proud of the great

GROWING UP WITH ELDERHOSTEL

When James Moses '79 was a BC senior, he applied for a part-time job as the first telephone agent at Elderhostel, a small nonprofit just starting up in Boston that would offer educational travel opportunities for older adults. Moses stayed with the organization, now the largest of its kind, and in 2002 was unanimously appointed CEO and president by the board of directors. "My awareness of the world broadened at BC, and I became more interested in positively impacting society. So I was enthusiastic about the mission of Elderhostel from the start," says Moses. "Back in 1979, people didn't typically think of retirement as a time for growth, learning, and exploration, and we wanted to change that."

Elderhostelers can now choose from 8,000 learning adventures, including hiking in the Swiss Alps, going backstage on Broadway, and volunteering at Paul Newman's camp for terminally ill children. "It is as much an adventure for me as it is for our participants," says Moses. "Promoting learning is an exciting mission with limitless opportunities. We're now undertaking research initiatives meant to tie healthy aging to intellectual engagement." Moses has developed a new program for the next generation of learners, Road Scholar, which offers learning adventures focused on the interests of Baby Boomers.



Moses has been working with Elderhostel since his senior year at BC.

Elderhostel also provides intergenerational and service programs for grandparents and grandchildren to travel, learn, and work together in service to others. "The compassion and energy that Elderhostelers bring to these projects is inspiring," says Moses. "If we're lucky, we'll have the chance to grow old. How we spend those years will determine their quality. Elderhostel shows us that we can enrich our lives at any age."

What's next for people who jump on board? "People want to stay current about technology," says Moses. "We have people clamoring for digital photography and Photoshop classes. And Elderhostel maintains an active list of over 250,000 e-mail addresses and has an active online community of over 25,000 members." Moses invites his fellow alumni to see what these participants have to say about Elderhostel online at www.elderhostel.org.

things our young people in uniform are doing in Iraq each and every day in the face of some pretty challenging and stressful conditions. • I am very sorry to pass along some news from our classmates **Peter** and **Mary Lemieux Sandorse**. The Sandorses' dear friend and fellow commuter, **Joanne Fiske** of South Boston, passed away on June 1, 2005, after a difficult battle with melanoma. Joanne is survived by her son, Brendan, and her daughter, Aine Rose, as well as by her mother and her sister, Mary '76. Joanne was first and foremost a great mother to her two children. She was also an incredibly beloved high-school teacher in the city of Boston. Her Catholic faith gave her great strength in the face of her illness. Our sincere condolences to Joanne's family and friends.

1982 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Happy anniversary, everyone! We are now officially the 25th reunion class of BC. To begin our yearlong celebration, you should do two very important things. First, mark your calendars now for Reunion Weekend 2007, on June 1-3. Second, please help show our appreciation and loyalty by supporting the Class of 1982 gift program. • **Kevin Mattessich** is an attorney at the New York-based law firm Cozen O'Connor. He practices with the in-

surance litigation group, focusing on insurance law and commercial litigation. • **Gil Boule** was recently promoted to senior financial analyst at the Instrumentation Laboratory Co., where he has worked for 16 years. He and his new wife, Grace, live in Townsend. Gil's daughter Ada lives in Lima, Peru. One of the main salsa trombonists in New England, Gil has been seen performing on the Latin MTV station. • **Margaret Corie Darby** chairs the Membership Committee for The Council of Women for Boston College. The Council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University and to increasing their engagement. • **Nick Racanelli's** daughter has decided to attend BC in the fall, following in the footsteps of dad and his four siblings. Nick writes, "Seeing names like **Cindi Bigelow**, **Jill Stein**, and **Jon Rather** brought back fond memories. Where are my roommates from Hillsides and the Mods? With our pending 25th reunion, I'm looking forward to reconnecting to a time long lost." • Speaking of reconnecting, I am proud to say that I have recently accepted the position of associate vice president for alumni relations, following in the footsteps of our friend and classmate **Grace Cotter Regan**. After spending 17 years in the alumni relations business at Tufts, UMass, and UConn, coming home to our alma mater is a dream come true. One of the things that attracted me back is the level of friendship and connection we have all been able to develop and maintain over the past three decades. So truthfully, you can all take some credit for bringing me back to BC. I've been honored to serve as our class correspondent for much of the past decade, and I look forward to a much longer relationship with all of you in this new professional role. • Please feel free to call or e-mail me at any time with your thoughts on how we can keep all BC alumni connected. In the meantime, I think this is an appropriate time for me to turn over the editing of class notes to one of you. If you're interested in discussing this great volunteer opportunity, call or e-mail me! • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1982 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

1983

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I hope you are all enjoying the summer and finding the time to enjoy family and friends. • It is with sadness that I report the death of **Peter Joseph Schmitt**. Peter passed away peacefully in Rochester, NY, in February, at the age of 44. He was the son of the late John A. Schmitt, former dean of the Lynch Graduate School of Education. He is survived by his mother, E. Susan Gerling of Rochester, NY; brother John and his wife, Lynne; brother Christopher '87 and his wife, Anne (Willwerth) '85; and sister Katie Root '80 and her husband, Don. • **Debbie (Popo)** and **James Barron** share this news: "We have never written, but it now seems appropriate as our oldest daughter leaves for Ohio Wesleyan. We have four children—two girls (18 and 16) and two boys (17 and 5). James is president of The Impact Group, a medical education firm, located in New York City. Debbie is a guardian ad litem for the CASA program. We live in Wilton, CT, and spend our summers in Oak Bluffs. We would love to hear from old friends at wilbar5@aol.com." • The following comes from **Steve De Groot**: "My wife, Linda, and I and our three children live in Colts Neck, NJ. We often see **Charlie Hayes**, his wife, Diane, and their three children at the beach not far from their home in Fair Haven. Living across the street from Charlie is **John Imperatore**, wife Lynn, and their two daughters. Charlie recently threw a 50-yard TD pass to my seven-year-old son, Jordan, in a touch football game at the beach. This past winter, Jacqueline and Caroline, the twin daughters of **John and Heidi Moran**, joined my daughter Hannah on a girls' basketball team. I was their coach." • **Andrew Benzmillier** wrote with the following news: "I've been working at the US Patent and Trademark Office since 1996, and recently joined the Office of Trademark Quality Review and Training as a senior attorney. I review the quality of other PTO attorneys' work, help train new hires, and provide continuing education for current attorneys. I've been part of a tele-work program for the past several years, which means I do nearly all my work from home except for meetings once a week. It's been a great way to have more time with my two boys, Theo (7) and Will (5). We spent last Christmas visiting my wife's family in the Philippines, including a trip to the island of Bohol. The beaches and snorkeling/diving are spectacular."

1984

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Greetings to all! **Julia Corbett Tanen** is principal in her own PR firm, JTPR/Clarity Communications. She lives in Franklin with her husband, George, and three children: Josh (18), Jen (16), and Elise (4). She would love to hear from former classmates living on South Street and wishes they would submit updates for our column. • On April 22, Rev. **Matthew J. Cassidy, SJ**, professed his final vows during the Jesuit Jubilee Anniversary Liturgy at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in Manhattan. Joining the celebration were fellow classmates **Paul Allen**, **Mary Cobb Gothers** and husband Tim, **Mark Darling**, **Jeanne Dotterweich Morris**, **Carol Englehardt**, **Gerry Lake**, **Karen Pellegrino**, and **Jay Sullivan** and wife Mary. In mid-July, Fr. Matt started an assignment as pastor in a parish in Ghana. • After many years of not exercising, **Eileen Abbott Jacobs** decided to take up running last year. By year's end she had won enough races to be named Richmond (VA) Road Runners' "Female Runner of the Year" for 2005. She is thinking of trying some adventure running this year. Eileen is currently home-schooling her two children: son Bobby and daughter Morgan. She is also doing freelance writing about running for the newspaper and *Blue Ridge Outdoors* magazine. She is thinking about getting back into her old job as a television news anchor/reporter on a part-time basis. Eileen writes that she especially liked reading the last column, because Bobby has Asperger's, which is similar to autism. He participated in a spelling bee and came in fourth place. In addition, he placed first in both the oral and the written competition at the Richmond regional competition for MATHCOUNTS, a mathematics competition for the top math students. Congratulations to Bobby! • Thanks to all of you who shared news and updates! For those of you who didn't, I look forward to hearing from you soon. Happy fall!

1985

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After a chance encounter, Joe Tutera and **Steve Archer** thought it would be a good idea to reunite some of the original Cushing second-floor crew for a weekend in Boston. Of course, they managed to pick the weekend in February that brought the Blizzard of 2006. Steve and Joe were joined by

Ted Darling, Jonathan Gates, Phil Mangone, Joe Morrissey, and Bruce Peltier. The guys left their wives and collective 16 kids at home for the weekend. Steve and Jonathan are locals, living in the Boston suburbs. Ted came in from Maine, Phil from Dallas, Joe Morrissey from Connecticut, Bruce from Rhode Island, and Joe Tutter from Kansas City. A great time was had by all, and they decided that they should get together more often than once every 15 years. • Kathleen Cronin, managing director, general counsel, and corporate secretary at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, recently hosted a Beginning the Journey panel for young BC alumnae in Chicago. Kathleen serves as a member of the Council for Women of Boston College.

1986

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What a reunion on the Heights! Hats off to the entire committee! • Congrats to two old roommates of mine. Karen Lynch Mone, husband Paul, and daughter Kate welcomed baby Paige. Mary Lou Burke and Paul Afonso and their daughter, Caroline, welcomed Bridget! • Bill and Pat McCarthy Christ welcomed their fifth child this year, daughter MaryKathleen. • Ted Angelus is acting in the Big Apple when he's not running his executive search firm, The Tuttle Agency. He recently starred in the *Manologues*, which got great reviews. • Maria Harkins Cambria lives in Larchmont, NY, where she is a film publicist when she's not busy raising her four children. • Lisa D'Allesandro Chase is busy at her Cape home with daughter Emily. • Amy Caliendo Threshire is a seventh-grade teacher in Bridgeport, CT. She and her husband have two children. • Maureen Gaughan Cummings lives in Ridgewood, NJ, and has three children. • Rich Deverna, who recently married Deb, lives in Manhattan and works for Wachovia Bank. • Mary Beth Cokonis Davis, who lives in Warwick, RI with daughter McKenzie, is a clinical specialist consultant. • Ted Gaffney served on the Reunion Committee and said it was a great group! He and his wife, Theresa, live in Wakefield with their five children. Ted is with the Bank of Toyko-Mitsubishi. • Mary Messer Shine lives in Williamstown and is busy raising her four

children. • Roberta Sessa McKeever lives in Chicago, works for Peapod, and has twins and a new baby. • Look for *Time* magazine's article or the Today Show segment on Gayle Naas Murphy! Gail plays indoor soccer with a group of moms from Sherborn, and the team has been featured nationally! When not playing, she is busy raising her three boys with her husband, Brian. • Rich Beck and his wife were up from Philadelphia, where Rich is an attorney with Klehr Harrison. The Becks have three children. • Andrew Docktor flew in from Milwaukee for the festivities. "Doc" teaches high-school English and travels extensively. Summer plans included a month in China. • Peter Allen is an attorney in the shipping industry in Manhattan. • Thanks to Paul Harrington who sent great updates on folks! Paul, wife Denise, Paul III, and Will live in Saratoga Springs, where they host their BC buddies every summer during track season. Paul is the creative director of an advertising agency. • Mike Donegan is founding partner of the Risk Navigation Group, consultants to the insurance industry. He and wife Becky have three children and live in Wallingford, CT.

1987 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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I hope you are all well. Unfortunately, I didn't hear from many people this time around, so my column is short. • Janet Woodka checked in to say that after many fun years, she left Van Ness Feldman in April and accepted a great position as legislative director for US Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA), effective April 27. Congratulations, Janet! • Kim Lindley-Soucy e-mailed that she received her doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts Lowell in June. She is currently teaching English at Londonderry High School in Londonderry, NH, where she lives with her husband, Andy, and daughter Malei (3). • Ann Murray Paige is the subject of *The Breast Cancer Diaries*, a feature-length documentary that was filmed, directed, produced, and edited by three Maine filmmakers. The film had its world premiere at the SILVERDOCS: AFI/Discovery Channel Documentary Film Festival in Silver Spring, MD. *The Breast Cancer Di-*

aries tells the story of Ann's diagnosis of breast cancer at the age of 38. A former WCSH/6 news reporter and anchor, and a frequent contributor to Maine PBS, Ann turns the camera on herself, setting up a video diary camera in her bedroom. Ann lives in Hallowell, ME. • Elizabeth M. Dougal wrote that after practicing law for 10 years as a trusts and estates attorney in Chicago, she is back in Massachusetts and recently opened her own practice in trusts and estates in East Longmeadow. She'd love to hear from fellow Eagles. • I'd love to hear from you, too. Please take a moment to send me an e-mail for the next column. Remember, our 20th reunion is right around the corner, so now is the time to let us know what you're doing! Have a great fall! • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1987 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

1988

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Hey, gang, just three quick updates this time. • Laurie Vasily remembers sitting around Hillsides with her roommates discussing the Peace Corps. Well, she filled out the forms and, while pursuing a PhD at Cornell, became a Fulbright Scholar focusing on social justice adult education for people in the untouchable castes in Nepal. She has now lived seven of the last 15 years there and will be heading back soon to take a job with the UN as an interpreter in the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Laurie adds that she is a great Kathmandu tour guide! • This past May, a group of '88ers, rumored to be turning a certain age, met on Nantucket for a mini-reunion. Cathy Zezima Watson, Tricia Hanna Walker, who hosted, Chrissy Doyle Gemici, Dana Cashman Diamond, married to Al Diamond, Lauren Walsh MacDonald, wife of Kevin '87, Kristen Fullerton Wills, and Paula Murray Amato all enjoyed the serene island's shopping, beaches, winetasting, and restaurants. Attending in spirit was Joan Petrucci Saunders, who was home expecting her second child. • Jill (Strazzela) Dixon has relocated to Cary, NC, with her husband and three children (ages 4, 5, and 6). She works as a freelance sign-language interpreter for the deaf.

1989

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Greetings, classmates! Happy summer. • As always, thanks for your updates. I am happy to continue receiving more, either directly through my e-mail or via the Online Community at www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/-community/. Please be sure to send them as soon as you receive *BC Magazine* and read this column! • **Jean (McManus) Brockmyre** (kevin.jean@verizon.net) and husband Kevin are proud that their oldest daughter, Caroline, will be joining the BC family in the fall as a member of the Class of 2010. She is the third generation of the McManus family to attend BC. Jean is teaching English at Amesbury High School, where her daughter Jackie is a junior and Colleen is a freshman. • **Kathy Adams** (kaeadams@yahoo.com) was married at BC at Trinity Chapel on April 29 to Michael Veneri, USAF. Michael is from Reading, but they met in Washington, DC, while watching game #1 of the 2004 World Series (both Sox fans). They live in Alexandria, VA. Michael works at the Pentagon on the Joint Staff, and Kathy is as an attorney for the FBI. Lots of BCers attended the wedding. **Meg Kane Middleton** was the matron of honor, and **Lisa Quinn Stokes** was a bridesmaid. Other 89 Eagles in attendance were **Rich and Jean (Murphy) Barrett**, **Joe and Jacqui (Principe) Cannay**, **Danny and Julie (Lavin) Flaherty**, **Suzanne Sullivan** and John Jacobus, **Mark and Sheila O'Connor Taylor**, and **Kerry Mahoney Motoviloff**, who came all the way from Madison, WI. Other BC attendees included Kathy's cousin and bridesmaid, Liz Adams '05, Marty Kane '88 and his wife, Amy, Mary Liz Kane '97, and Kristen Murray Adams '97. • **Joseph A. Iocono** (jioco2@email.uky.edu) is a pediatric surgeon at the University of Kentucky, with special interest in advanced laparoscopic surgery in infants. He and his wife, Susan, and two daughters, Amanda (11) and Lauren (9) moved to Kentucky in 2003 when he finished his training in pediatric surgery – and he's looking for any fellow alumni in the Midwest near Kentucky.

1990

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John H. Harrington MBA '99, MSF '03 is working for Acadian Asset Management, a Boston-based global money manager, in its marketing, sales, and client service group. John recently moved from West Roxbury to Wellesley with his wife, Bethany, and two children, Andrew (8) and Elizabeth (6). His work e-mail is JHarrington@Acadian-Asset.com. • **Daniel DeFabio** and his wife, Tina, are moving back to the Northeast after 13 years in Hollywood. His wedding party included **Vin Miller**. Daniel was involved in several early Internet entertainment companies and now designs graphics for HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and DVD menus like *Sin City*, *Blue's Clues*, *Dora*, and others. He'll miss hanging around with BC's LA acting community like ex-Fleabaggers Wayne Wilderson '89, Andrea Beutner '88, and Maile Flanagan '87 (all of whom starred in his short film). He is currently seeking publication of his children's fantasy adventure novel. Daniel can be reached via e-mail at ddefabio@yahoo.com. • **Deirdre (Curry) Mewborn** and her husband, Rick, are still living in Steamboat Springs, CO, with their daughter Reilly (5) and son Tommy (3). They love to ski and enjoy their two St. Bernards, Kitzbuhel and Lahti. • **Michael Kavney** is living and working in Smyrna, a suburb of Atlanta. • I'll keep you posted!

1991

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It was great to see so many of you at the reunion in June. Hopefully, many more of you will make the trip to Boston in five years! Remember to keep those updates coming. It's always great to hear from everyone, and you know you love to read about what everyone is doing, so keep that news coming! • **David Emma** has been selected as one of eight athletes to be inducted into the Varsity Club Hall of Fame. David captured college hockey's highest honor in 1991, becoming the first player in BC history to win the coveted Hobey Baker Memorial Award. He remains BC's career-scoring leader with 239 points. • Congratulations to **Michelle Verzillo Carpenter** and her family, who moved into their newly built home in Charlestown, RI, last winter. • Congratulations also to **Kristin A. Mulgrew**, who was married in September 2005. • **Colleen (Hasey) Schuhmann** is now a financial advisor with UBS Financial Ser-

vices in Boca Raton, FL, where she grew up. She has been at UBS for about a year, after 10 years with AG Edwards. She lives in Delray Beach with her husband, Paul, and their beautiful children, Rose (5) and Matthew (3).

• **Kim Lawless** married Mike "Gonzo" Romano '90 in 1994, and they have been blessed with two amazing kids, Tre (7) and Natalie (5). They live in Chicago, where Kim is a professor in the College of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. • **Ann (Edwards)** and **Kevin Thompson** live in Massachusetts with their three children. Annie works for UMass in the alumni office. • **Andrew "The BC Eagle" Kasper** lives in Waltham with his wife, Kim, and their three kids, all under the age of four! • Tim Egan lives in Chicago and works for the Chopping Block. • **Pete "Tailgate Man" Meyers** lives in New York with his wife and children. He is president of the **Thomas Brennan** Foundation, which provides scholarships for current BC students. • **Chrissy Quinn** is married with two kids and works as a lawyer in Chicago. • **Heather Leahy** is married with a 14-month-old daughter and lives in Seattle, where she is working as a lawyer. • **Erin Schornack** lives in Winnetka, IL, with her husband and two children. She works in downtown Chicago for a finance group. • **Lisa (Terranova) Lommerin** and her husband, Chris, welcomed twin girls, Ashley and Sydney, in March 2006. They are living in Easton, PA. They missed the reunion and would love to catch up with fellow classmates at novalomm@hotmail.com.

1992 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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Heide Bronke was recalled to active duty as an Army civil affairs officer. She deployed to Iraq in June 2005 and has been working in the International Zone as the Multi-National Force-Iraq military liaison to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq. Upon completion of her one-year tour, she will return to the Department of State as special assistant in the Office of Ambassador R. Nicholas Burns '78. BC friends **Maureen Monahan**, **Liz (Newton) Anton**, and **Gerry and Melanie Graceffo** have been great about supporting Heide with care packages. Heide recently heard from fellow BC alum **Brian Yee**, who is on active duty with the Army, serving with the

4th Infantry Division at Camp Liberty in Baghdad. He reports that Tom Hutton is at 4th ID as well. • **Wendy Madigan** married **Dan Turner** in Cedar Grove, NJ, on March 6, 2004. The siblings of Wendy and Dan—Tracy Madigan Grbic '93, Rich Madigan '98, and Andrew Turner '88—were in the wedding party with **Cheryl Simrany Thomas** and **Stephanie Evans**. They welcomed daughter Maggie (Margaret Madigan Turner) in April 2005 and soon afterward settled in Wilmington, DE. Wendy is working in finance for JPMorgan Chase and pursuing a master's degree in elementary education. Dan works in communications and public affairs for DuPont. • Since graduating from BC, **Brian Mahony** has worked in telecom/hi-tech. He is currently vice president of marketing with Netcentrex. He studied at UNC-Chapel Hill for his MBA. In 1996, he married Kirsten DeVrieze, and they had their fourth child, Caroline Marie, on March 2. She joins Casey (5), Jack (4), and Aidan (2). They live in Westford. You can check out Brian's blog at <http://www.tmcnet.com/channels/triple%22Dplay/>. Brian has BC football season tickets and makes an annual trek to Chestnut Hill to play Frisbee with **Brian Coleman**. • I rarely mention myself in this column. I work in event marketing at Lehman Brothers and am finishing up my MBA at New York University. I spent most of the month of June at the World Cup in Germany. If anyone is thinking about visiting that country, drop me a line as I've done the 12-city World Cup tour twice. • Enjoy the final days of summer and keep those e-mail updates coming! • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1992 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

1993

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Keri-Anne (Gill) Laidlaw MBA '99 and her husband, Barry, welcomed their second daughter, Meaghan Bridget, on February 21. Meaghan was welcomed home by her older sister, Madigan Kathleen (2). Meaghan's godmother is **Karen (Abucewicz) Cushing**. Keri-Anne works part-time at Fidelity Investments in Boston as a management effectiveness consultant. The Laidlaws live in Melrose. • **Joseph Plunkett** and wife Beth had their first child, Patrick Plunkett, on

April 1. The Plunketts currently live in Milton, not too far from BC, so little Patrick can attend a BC football game this fall! • **Diane (Brooks) Grotberg** and husband Clark announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Alexandra Martha Grotberg, on October 7, 2005. Her siblings David (9), Mary (5), Elizabeth (4), and Thomas (2) think she is great! On top of having five kids and home-schooling, they're remodeling a 100-year-old house! • **Kevin Edgar** joined the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) in Washington, DC, in June as associate director for government relations. The PCAOB was created by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to oversee the auditors of public companies; protect investors; and ensure informative, fair, and independent audit reports. Kevin had spent the last nine years with the New York Stock Exchange in its Washington, DC, office most recently as senior counsel. He lives in Alexandria, VA.

1994

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Stephen Boyd, **Bill Curley**, and **Pete Mitchell** will be inducted into the Varsity Club Hall of Fame in November. • **Stephanie** and **Scott Moore** welcomed Stellla Ann on September 10, 2005. Scott lives in Mansfield and is vice president of e-commerce for Specialty Catalog Corporation in Easton. • **Beth Coyle** married Matthew Alford on May 28 on Amelia Island, FL, in a beautiful outdoor ceremony, with **Elizabeth (O'Hearn) Galvin**, **Debra (Nugent) Lussier**, **Lori MacDonald**, **Nancy Drane**, and **Shireen (Pesez) Rhoades**, who was a bridesmaid, in attendance. • Pat and **Josie (Losada) McMahon** of Stamford, CT, welcomed Adrian in May. • **Mike '93** and **Jennie (Osborne) Burke** moved from New Orleans to Louisville, KY, where Mike took a job flying 747s for UPS; he also still flies for the Navy as a reservist. They had a fourth child, Holly Jean, on September 25, 2005. • **Gigi Talbott** is in Los Angeles, working in multimedia for Kaiser Permanente. She is getting her MPH at Cal State. • **Chip and Margot (Matthews) Krotee** welcomed March Lee Krotee III, or "Lee," on September 20, 2005, in New York City. • **Michael and Margaret (Keene) Tierney** had a son, Michael Jr., on June 28, 2005. He is being enjoyed by Madeleine (2). Margaret left a vice president position at Christie's in

April and has started her own firm, Margaret Keene Tierney Fine Art Advisors, LLC. • **Delia Blackler Perretta** and husband Stephen, along with son Eric (4), welcomed Josie on March 29. Delia lives in northern New Jersey and is a freelance journalist. • **Chris Dipentima**'s family business, Pegasus Manufacturing, Inc., received the "People's Bank Ulizio Business Achievement Award," presented by People's Bank and the University of Connecticut Family Business Program. • **Chris Wise** recently graduated from BC's MBA program, with wife **Sarah (Bradshaw) Wise** and children Charlotte (4) and Liam (2) in attendance. Chris works at Marsh in the real estate and construction practice. Chris reported on the annual Mod 5A and 5B Golf Tournament. Although the group was invited by **Christopher Jezensky** to play his home course in Iraq, they settled for Las Vegas. The winners were the underdog team of **Joe Healey**, **Paul Colone**, **Dan Brown**, and **Dan Peterkoski**. Second place belonged to **Jim Suppelsa**, **Erik Woodbury**, **Adam "I Made It This Year" Beighley**, and **Jay Colbath**. Last place was **Chris**, **Christian Teja**, **Chuck Fortin**, and soon-to-be-dad **Steve Jacques**. • Thanks for all of the updates. Keep them coming!

1995

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Jonathan and **Deirdre "Dede" Carroll Erulkar** announce the birth of their son, Samuel Jonathan, on October 11, 2005. The family moved to Boston in July. • **Kurt Steinkrauss** is a partner at the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, PC. Kurt practices in the Private Client Group of the firm's Boston office, where he focuses on family wealth planning, charitable gift planning, general business and business succession and income tax planning. Prior to joining the firm, Kurt was a tax consultant at Arthur Andersen LLP. • **Art Swift** is an on-air news reporter/substitute anchor for KBCI CBS 2 News in Boise, ID. Art graduated from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism last year, with a specialty in broadcasting. He was a freelance writer for several years before that. This is his first TV job, and he would love to talk to more alums from the Northwest!

1996

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On Saturday, June 3, **Mariessa Longo** married Jim Theodorou on Martha's Vineyard. The reception was held at the Longos' home there, and there were many BC guests in attendance—**Julie (Allen) Holbrook** and husband Josh, **Brian Woods**, **Patricia (McLaughlin) Schneider**, Jim Roth, Jim Faletra, Rachel Clough, Matt Keswick, Loretta Shing, Suzanne Geden, John Boyt, Tom Adams, **John Dempsey**, Andrew Fellingham, Crissy Callaghan, and me. It was a beautiful wedding under a tent filled with colorful Japanese lanterns. • That was, of course, the same day as our 10-year reunion, and some of the guests actually rented a small plane to take them from the wedding back to BC. These are the reports that I heard on the big party. • Crissy said her favorite part of the reunion was “cute **Stalin Colinet**, wearing his nametag, like we wouldn't know who the tall guy was.” She was also proud of the photo booths (her idea). Her husband, Andrew Fellingham, writes that he had a blast, too, “swapping stories with **Michele (Figueiredo) Havens**, **Dave and Robin (Rozycski) Clune**, Brian and Maura Cashin, Anna Zintl, Tina Ahlberg (recently back from her honeymoon with husband Jason Connelly), Pete Gasparrini, Ryan Phair, Brian Herlihy, Sean Lynch, Terrence Breen, Dennis Higgins, Kara Kasse, Erin Lawler, Sha-Sha Shieu, Kathy Day, Amy Cooper, and Scott Tower.” • Anna Zintl says her favorite moment was when **Chris Cardos** pulled out his razor cell phone to show her and **Jay Menendez** a picture of his 18-month-old son. • Lee Fitzpatrick writes that she and **Brian Cromwell** represented the a cappella contingent. Lee recently graduated from stunt-actor school. She is well and says that Brian “is great—looks the same, has two kids (a daughter and a son, 5 and 2), and is still acting and living in New York City.” • Lee also says that **Bill Zima** made her night when he came up and started singing “Let It Be Me,” which he said that he and his wife still listen to. • Sha Sha writes: “One really fun thing happened when we left Conte Forum after Doug Flutie's band played. We were planning on taking the T to Harvard Ave. so we could go out somewhere there. A BC shuttle bus was waiting in front of Conte, and we thought it might take us to the T, so we got on. Next

thing we knew, someone was saying, ‘One way to Mary Ann's!’ And it was! The shuttle bus dropped us off at MA's front door. How great is that?!” So great. Happy 10-year anniversary of our graduation, guys.

1997 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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On March 25, Evan Joseph was born to Liam and Danielle (Mercurio) O'Heir. The family currently resides in Georgetown, MA. • **Brian and Liz (Taranto) Millett** welcomed daughter Katherine Elizabeth on October 18, 2005. • **Matt Riccio** and wife Jessica welcomed Scott Fitzsimons Riccio on June 27, 2005. They live in North Richmond Hill, NY. Matt is a regional sales manager for CNET.com, and Jessica is an instructor and student-teaching coordinator at Columbia University. • On August 25, 2005, **Mimi (Chmielewski) Henderson** and husband Matthew had their first child, a red-headed girl named Keegan, which means “fiery little one.” • **Andrew Wendel** graduated from the University of Michigan with his MBA in May 2005. He and **Linda (Song)** moved to London, where he works in Lehman Brothers' European fixed income group. Linda now attends Roehampton University, where she is working on a master's in nonprofit management. • **Amy (Brenneway) Feeley** and her husband, Lon, welcomed Emma Mae into the world on October 29, 2004. A year later, they celebrated her first birthday with family and friends at their new home in Walpole. • **Joe Donadoni** married Kate Murray (Bucknell University) on May 11, 2002, at Cooke Chapel in Lewisburg, PA. On November 13, 2003, their first daughter, Meagan Genevieve, was born, and on December 9, 2005, their second daughter, Molly Elizabeth, was born. Joe is a financial center manager with Citibank in Virginia. The family lives in Ashburn. • **Phil and Colleen (Cameron) Whiting** welcomed their son, Cameron Timothy, on May 26, 2005. Phil is a financial analyst at Fidelity Investments in Marlborough. Colleen took the year off to stay home with Cameron but will be returning in the fall as an occupational therapist for the Norfolk Public Schools. The family lives in Hopedale. • **Mark and Sean McGehearty** will be inducted into the Boston College Varsity Club Hall of Fame in November

2006. • **Scott Harford** and **Gabriela Palmieri** were married on Memorial Day weekend in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. They were thrilled to have 22 BC alums in attendance, including bridesmaids **Kate Octavio**, **Beth (Alvarez) Sarkar**, **Danielle (Kilduff) Jaber**, and **Michelle (Guardino) Swaney** and groomsmen **Chad Darling** and **Mark Fierro**. Gabby is an assistant vice president for contemporary art at Sotheby's, and Scott is a senior associate at Lynch Daskal Emery, a Manhattan law firm. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1997 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

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Happy fall, everyone! Since I did not receive many updates in the past few months, I have some space to give you a brief update about me. My husband graduated from the Kellogg School of Management in June, and we are staying in Chicago, moving into a townhome in Lincoln Park—blocks away from **Peggy and Mike King**. Hope to hear from you all soon! • **Alison Curd** and **Tyson Lowery** were married in San Francisco on May 20. BC alums in the wedding party included **Engin Okaya**, **Jennifer McDonough Rooney**, **Melissa Roman**, **Bradley Belden**, and **Vince Savarese**. Other BC alums who attended the wedding were **Christine Banach**, **Jessica Miller**, **Kathryn Edison**, **Lindsay Nelson**, **Peter Trivelas**, **Josh Yocum**, **Jesse Hallee**, **Chuck Charpentier**, and **John Thiel**. The couple spent their honeymoon on the islands of Hawaii. • **Jenn McLean** was married in September 2005 to Simon Romanski (Syracuse '97). BC grads in the wedding party included **Becky Frett** (maid of honor), **Kristen Johnson**, **Lori Sarsfield**, **Tracy Martin**, and **Nick Bove**. Others in attendance included **James Ocampo**, **Vin Lorenti**, **Mike Rossi**, **Rich Lavers**, **Bryan Phelps**, **Laurel Bernini**, **Brendan Levesque**, **Lindsay Hammond**, **Steve Lewis**, **Samantha Briggs**, **Jorge Ribas**, **Kysa (Edsall) Crusco**, **Brian Dunphy**, **Caitrin (Lammon) Dunphy**, **Drew Gough**, **Joe Allen**, **Mary (Kenda) Allen**, **Jeff Nulsen**, **Bob McDonald**, **Fred Good '97**, **Erin (Abraham) Good**, **Karen O'Donnell**, **Christian Bender**, **Josh Niewoehner**, **Tim O'Hara**, and **Kerry Gallagher '00**. Jenn and Simon live in their condo in

Somerville, and Jenn is the principal and designer of her online baby announcement, invitation, and holiday card company, hellolittleone.com. • Tara Doyle accepted a position with MTV Networks as a manager of on-air operations in New York City, after eight years of working for BBC America in Bethesda, MD. Her fiancé, a Syracuse graduate, also accepted a new position with an architecture firm in New Jersey. They live in New Jersey. • On April 13, TerRance and Suzanne (Carroll) Woodard welcomed their first child, Tyler Hayes Woodard, into the world. In other news, TerRance joined the national law firm Ogletree Deakins as a labor lawyer in February, while Suzanne continues her private practice as a clinical psychologist. • Butch '99 and Erica (Bode) Palaza welcomed their first child, Maxwell Augustus Palaza, on March 10. The Palaza family resides in Winchester, VA. Butch is an account executive for Trex Composite Decking, and Erica is taking a year off from teaching to stay at home with Max.

1999

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Congratulations to Pat and Jodie (Moule) Neville on the birth of their twins, Catherine Kiely and Margaret Kennedy, on April 26. Congratulations also goes out to my class notes partner, Emily (Frieswyck) Wildfire, who with husband John welcomed a son, John William, on April 13. • Leanne DeMarco married Brad Flannery in May at St. Ignatius Church. Alumni members of the wedding party included Kristen (Proude) Feetham, Nancy (DeMarco) Curtin '87, and Richard DeMarco '90, as well as reader Thomas Curtin '86 and program attendant Michael Ingoldsby '00. Other BC attendees included Julie Mitchelson, Kristin (Tyler) Harris, Shelby Saad-Callahan, and Michael Harris '97. The couple spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. They now reside in Weymouth, where Leanne works as a CPA/divisional controller at Sentient Jet. • David and Mary-Catherine (Schmidt) McAlvany welcomed the arrival of a future Eagle to their family: Declan Samuel McAlvany was born on May 16. • Kathleen Corcoran started her postdoctoral residency in child and adolescent clinical psychology at Dartmouth Medical School this summer; she plans to specialize in the treatment of traumatic stress

CREATING A COMMUNITY OF SERVICE

When Saya Hillman graduated from Boston College in 2000 and moved back to her native Chicago, right away she missed the sense of community she experienced while volunteering on the Heights. "At BC, there were so many ways to be involved with different communities," says Hillman. "After graduation, it was hard to start all over again without BC as my 'home base.'"

No stranger to service, as a junior Hillman received the University's Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship in honor of her dedication to social justice as an Ignacio volunteer in Jamaica and a mentor to a teenage girl. Eager to continue where she left off at BC, Hillman began posting hands-on service opportunities on the Website of the Chicago Chapter of the Alumni Association. What began as a way to create a community of service-oriented alums has "gone way beyond what we expected," Hillman offers. "We started out as a four-person committee, and since then 150 alumni have signed up at various placements. We've even adopted a charter school where alumni mentor students and run a career day. I continue to be overwhelmed by just how supportive the BC community is."

Hillman's own volunteerism focuses on the needs of Chicago's students. She volunteers with the nonprofit organization

and infant/toddler mental health. • Congratulations to Erin Magee, who will be inducted into the Boston College Varsity Club Hall of Fame on November 12. • Simon MBA '06 and Whitney (Wise) Lloyd are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Sterling, on February 23. The family lives in Hingham. Whitney is enjoying staying home with James; Simon works for Bank of America in the MBA leadership program. • Christopher '97 and Tara (Krisik) Ferragamo welcomed a baby son, Rian Christopher, in March. • Katharine Skirius Rocco and husband Joe have opened Chiara, a Mediterranean bistro, in Westwood. Joe is chef de cuisine, and Kat will hostess while continuing her career as a recruiter with Talent Retriever, an employment process outsourcing company in



Hillman coordinates service activities for fellow alumni through the Chicago Chapter.

Chicago Cares at a program that supports children at a low-resource elementary school on the city's South Side. "Of the 800 kids at the school, 500 are in foster care, and none are safe from the threat of drugs and violence," she explains. Hillman has been coordinator of the program for the last three years. "I love bringing people from different parts of my life—BC alumni, fellow aspiring musicians, other runners from the Chicago Marathon, etc.—together as volunteers."

Hillman has also found a way to aid underprivileged students through her own career. She runs a digital editing company, and on the side, she teaches low-income kids to make documentary films. This summer, the teens filmed Q&A sessions with professionals in the workplace.

"My quality of life has never been better," she says. "This is perhaps the hardest I've ever worked, but it's worth it."

Burlington. • Liz (Brogan) Villaflor and husband Noel welcomed a daughter, Lily Helena, on January 27. They currently reside in Newton, and Liz continues to teach at the Boston Renaissance Charter School. • I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to a nice, relaxing fall. Please keep in touch with any updates.

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Greetings, Class of 2000 members! As always, I received exciting news over the last

several months to share with you. • **Jenny Garratt** received her MBA from Duke University in May and planned to start working at Bain Capital later this summer. • **Summer Belles**, the movie produced by **Matt Woods**, has been released on DVD. In addition, the Sundance Channel will start airing the movie in the fall. • US Marine Corps Captain **Brian Von Kraus** was awarded the Silver Star for bravery in Iraq on February 8. • **Hoon Choi** has taken a two-year leave from his PhD studies in ethics at Loyola University Chicago, after being called up by the South Korean government to serve in the military for two years. • **Lindsey Doering** married Mike Mahanna on September 10, 2005, in Portland, ME. The couple planned to move to Washington, DC, this summer, where Mike will be starting the MBA program at Georgetown. Lindsey hopes to continue as a CPA with the United Way. • **Landon Clark** and **Cassandra Kogelschatz** were married on June 27, 2004. On December 4, 2005, the couple welcomed their first child, Xavier Theodore. • **Blake and Shannon (Seymour) Barbarisi** welcomed their third child, a daughter named Kali Reid, on November 29, 2005. Kali joins big brother Kyler (5) and big sister Tayden (2). The family lives in Middlebury, CT. • **Frank and M.E. Puzo Bailey** welcomed a daughter, Nora Christine, on February 17. Nora joins her big brother, Ronan (2). • **Lisa and Jon Mendicina** welcomed Timothy Jon on March 2. • **Erin and Jared Leland** welcomed a baby girl, Katherine Pauline, on May 23. Jared, Erin, and Kate reside in Alexandria, VA. • Congratulations to everyone for all these exciting life events. Thank you for helping to keep our classmates informed.

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I hope you all had a good time at our reunion. Can you believe it has been five years already? • **Marty Hughes** and **Kristyn O'Brien** were married at St. Ignatius in Chestnut Hill on August 6, 2005. Groomsmen included Dan Sullivan, Ales Dolinar '02, **Mark McLennan**, **PT Vineburgh**, **Rob Scuderi**, Peter Smith '84 and Edward Doherty MBA '00. Bridesmaids included **Caitlyn (Queenin) Rivera**, **Meg (Kissane) Seaberg**, Sarah Nickerson, and Kristin Reagan. Congrats to the happy couple! •

Meghan Kissane and Eric Seaberg were married on November 5, 2005, in Wayland, Meghan's hometown. Bridesmaids included Amy (Kissane) Dooley '98, **Wendy Hinman**, Kristin Reagan, Kristyn (O'Brien) Hughes, and Sarah Nickerson. • **Aida Garcia** married Brazilian Daniel Toledo in Miami on May 21, 2006. Alums in attendance were **Ana Garcia** and **Erica Sedano**, who read in the ceremony. Bridesmaids included Vivian (Garcia) Arias '99, Denise Kardonski '02, and Sandra Mejia '02. Also attending were Camille Adsuar '02, Natalie Muench '02, and **Jessi Tamayo**. • **Olivia McMahon** married Ryan A. Racette on May 6, 2006, at St. Mary's Church in New Bedford. Bridesmaids included **Carrie O'Neil** and Tara (Ferguson) Zambella '00. Brother of the bride and fellow BC alum James McMahon '00 was one of the groomsmen. **Stephen Rebelo**, Don Oliveira '00, and Joseph Zambella '00 were also in attendance. • **Anne Rechkemmer** writes, "Jennifer De Nino got married in Hartford, CT, on May 20 to Benjamin Kolenda. Alumni in attendance included **Zachy Turner**, **Pollie Willhite**, and me. Natalia (Azuero) Walchli and her husband, Adrian, welcomed a baby girl, Isabel Lucia, on January 26 in Miami." Don't worry, Anne, we won't tell them who shared the good news! • **Shannon L. Connor** returned to BC as a Donovan Urban Teaching Scholar in the summer of 2005 and on May 22, 2006, graduated with an MEd in early childhood education. She will be teaching kindergarten in Dorchester this fall. • This past spring, **Mary McConnachie** participated in the Iditarod Challenge in Alaska, racing from Anchorage to Nome. Her four main dogs were Lebowski, Triumph, Tony Danza, and Lindsay Lohan. Congrats to Mary! • A note from me: I attended the most amazing wedding of alum Amy Rebert '00 to Eric "The Commissioner" Gordon in Lincoln, CA, in May. The weather and the bride were both stunning. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon!

2002 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Congratulations to **Donato R. Giuseppi III**, who married Jamie Crossland on March 11 in New Orleans. Boston College roommates **Jamie Karambay**, **Steve Monaco**, and **Cris Stauffer** served as groomsmen. Also in

attendance were **Eric Coghlin**, **Rachel Dunleavy**, **John Lotzer**, **Brett Shaad**, **Nick Sopoulos**, and **Bob Verdier**. The couple now resides in Pelham, NY, where Don is currently associate director in the financial institutions group at UBS Investment Bank. • Congratulations to **Brody Stevens**, who recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Brody plans to work with the corporate group at a firm in Philadelphia. • **Sheila Hindle** has been very busy since graduation. She spent time in Denver exploring culinary arts at Johnson & Wales. Then she moved to Richmond, where she received her master's in psychology. She has now been accepted to Duke, where she will pursue her PhD. • On May 19 **Jennifer Overbeck** married **Jonathan Farina**. Among the bridal party were the groom's sister, Anjanette Farina Salmon '92, **Leigh Kittredge**, **Kristin Barry**, **Calvin Mooney**, **Nick Pappas**, and **Kevin Giordano**, who just completed an MBA at Yale. Partying at the wedding were Class of 2002 graduates **Freddie Hannah**, **Kevin McStravick**, **Kate Flanagan**, **Noelle Tenpenny**, **Lili and Jason O'Brien**, and **Heather Burke**, who just earned a JD from Fordham. Jen and Jon are living in New York City, where she's a lawyer, and he is working on a PhD in English at NYU. • During the summer, **Martha Plante** worked in the appellate division of the US Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. She is a rising second-year student at American University Washington College of Law. • Matthew Miceli is currently living in Stockholm, Sweden, where he was recently a star of the hit Swedish reality TV show *Paradise Hotel*. He has also started his own company, JetSet Elite, which sponsors luxury tours for Americans in Sweden. He received a master of social science from Linkopings University in Sweden. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/2002 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

2003

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Jason and **Cate (Guiney) Robbie** welcomed their first child, Elle Megan, on March 2, 2005. • **Katherine "Kat" Pullings** is happy to announce her recent membership to the esteemed Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Xi

Omega Chapter. • **Gilberto Ruiz** and Joanne Anderson were married on January 14 in Hollywood, FL. Class members in attendance included Mike Davin, Steve Calme, Nate Dickerson, Brian Kelly, Kevin Meme, Paul Jackson, James Pustejovsky, Jennifer Bailey, Nina Suryoutomo, Joel Wacek, Brad Swift, and Bethany O'Neil. • **Kristine Carpi** and **Jeffrey Kuntz** were married on March 11 in Boca Raton, FL, with Fr. Donald MacMilan, SJ, as the celebrant. The bridal party included Karen Carpi '06, Ryan Levitt '04, and Caitlin and Brian Moran '04. Also in attendance were **Claire Julian**, **Cara O'Connor**, **Bethany O'Neil**, and Brad Swift. • Best wishes to everyone! Hope everyone had a great summer!

2004

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Laurence Braun, **R.J. McFarlane**, and Ron Nicynski '03 are currently producing the Broadway production of *The Lieutenant of Inishmore*, a black comedy by Martin McDonagh, at the Lyceum Theater. It opened to rave reviews on May 3 and garnered five Tony nominations, including Best Play. The play has won the Olivier Award (in London), the Lortel Award, and the Obie Award (off-Broadway). Along with the Tony nominations, the current Broadway production has been nominated for the Drama Desk Award, the Drama League Award, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, and the Outer Critics Circle Award (all for Best Play). For more info on the show, go to www.inishmoreonbroadway.com. • **Bill Sadler** qualified for and ran in the 2006 Boston Marathon, finishing in 3:01:02. This was Bill's fourth marathon since graduating and his first Boston Marathon. He will be a third-year law student at the University of Minnesota Law School in Minneapolis this fall and is currently working for the National Arbitration Forum as a law clerk. • **Alexandra Tillson** and Justin Ruflin were married on June 11, 2005, at St. Ignatius Church. Fr. Jack Butler, SJ, was the presider. Fellow alumni in attendance at the wedding were **Kristine Kirwin**, **Kathleen O'Neill**, **Christina Marzelli**, **Kristen Lindquist**, **Rebecca Schneider**, **Hilary Wilson**, **Marisa Policastro**, and **Michael Archambault**. The couple currently resides in Boston, where Justin is a PhD candidate at MIT, and Alexandra works at Skinner, Inc.,

a fine arts auction gallery. • **Michele Ostrogonacz** and **Timothy Noonan** were married on April 1, in a small ceremony in Edison, NJ. Bridesmaids included **Shari Obert** and **Ann Marie Purr**, and groomsman included **Daniel Allen**. In attendance were **Jeffrey Pinkham**, **Sarita Manigat**, and **Jennifer Curcio**. The couple currently lives in Dallas, where Michele is a neuroscience PhD candidate at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Timothy is a second-grade teacher.

2005

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Tara Foley has received her master's degree in international relations from the University of Chicago. She extended her congratulations to classmates **Elizabeth Pabst** and **Jessica Grimes**, who completed their master's degrees in social sciences from the University of Chicago. Additionally, she sent her best wishes to her friend (and our classmate) **Mark Fennell**, who recently was accepted to Notre Dame Law School. She also wanted to congratulate her grandfather, James J. Foley, who celebrated his reunion with the Class of 1956. • **Caroline St. Onge**, **Kristen Terpenny**, **Aili MacNally**, **Rachel Smith**, **Natalie Watts**, and **Erin Tobin** recently received master's degrees from the Lynch School of Education. • **Brian Elwood** completed his first year of law school, and **Erin Wohl** finished her first year of pharmacy school in Maryland. • **Jonathan Messier**, former head of the Bellarmine Society, has been working at Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, in preparation for law school this fall.

2006

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As newly commissioned class correspondents for the Class of 2006, we would like to introduce ourselves as well as offer congratulations on a wonderful graduation ceremony to our fellow classmates. Our role as correspondents will be to help Boston College's dynamic, passionate, and active Class

of 2006 stay in touch with one another and to share our class's news with the rest of the BC alumni community through the *BC Magazine*. Whether you're teaching kindergarten, pursuing a PhD, going into the Marines, getting married, volunteering with the Peace Corps (or Americorps or Jesuit Volunteers), or moving to New York City (or Nebraska or New Mexico), we want to know so we can share it with our classmates. Keep in touch by keeping your contact information updated with the Alumni Association, by e-mailing us your news directly, or by calling us to let us know your news! Other avenues for continued connection to BC include joining a chapter of the Alumni Association in your region and participating in class events hosted frequently by the Class Committee of 2006. We hope that we hear from you soon, that you enjoy success in your first "post-collegiate" endeavors, and that you enjoy our best wishes for a happy and safe summer.

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Monica Chandra MBA '87, senior vice president at Fidelity Investments, was recently appointed to serve as the vice chair of the Communications Committee for the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. • **John Wipfler** MBA '87 is CEO of Orthopaedic Associates of Portland, ME, which specializes in sports medicine, hand surgery, and joint reconstruction. He previously served as CEO of Eyecare Medical Group, as executive director of the Maine Health Care Finance Commission, and as assistant attorney general for the State of Maine representing the Department of Human Services. • **David Malone** MSF '96 is a senior security analyst at FinArc Investment Management in Needham. He concentrates his analysis in the industrial, financial, and medical device industries and is responsible for developing new business.

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Mary Angione MS '06 is a teacher at Brookline High School. • **Dawn Mampreian** MS '06 is a research scientist at Merck in Boston. • **Joshua Van Veldhuizen** MS '06 is a research scientist at Alantos. • Alexander Hird PhD '06 is a research scientist at AstraZeneca. • **Brian White** PhD '06 is a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard. • **Scott Bader** PhD '06 is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan. • **Debby Hutchins** PhD '04 is an assistant professor at Gonzaga University. • **Shannon Vallor** PhD '01 is an assistant professor at Santa Clara University. • **Fr. Charles Onyango Oduke, SJ**, PhD '06 has accepted a position as an assistant professor at Le Moyne College. • **Serena Marie Parekh** PhD '06 is an assistant professor at the University of Connecticut. • **Michael Fournier**, PhD candidate, is an assistant professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. • **David Kammer** MS '05 is currently at GZA GeoEnvironmental Consulting in Hopkinton. • **Lisa Schultz** MS '05 is a GIS analyst at Kleinfelder in Littleton. • **Esteban Hormazabal** MS '06 is at SRK Providencia in Santiago, Chile. • **Eugene Syzmanski** MS '06 is in the geology PhD program at the University of Kansas. • **Jia Yan** MS '06 is in the geophysics PhD program at the University of Colorado. • **Adria Reimer** MS '06 is working at MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc., in Kennesaw, GA. • **Matt Mayo** MS '06 is working at NGI Environmental and Water Supply Consulting in Clinton. • **Timothy O'Connor** MS '06 is at BHP Billiton Petroleum in Houston. • **Allen Fairfax** PhD '06 is an assistant visiting professor at Merrimack College and the pastor of South Congregational Church in Lawrence. • **Aimee Van Wagenen** PhD '06 will be a visiting assistant professor in BC's sociology department this fall. • **Adria Goodson** MA '00 is director of domestic programs at the Hunt Alternatives Fund. • **Darcy Schnack** MA '06 will be a junior faculty member at West Point. • **Linda S. Tanini** PhD '06 will be a science teacher at Methuen High School in the fall. • **Helena Feder** MA '99 has accepted a position as an assistant professor of literature and environment at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. • **Lisabeth Buchelt** PhD '05

is starting a tenure-track job in the English department at the University of Nebraska-Omaha this fall. • **Mark Graham** PhD '00 is an associate professor of theology at Villanova University. He recently published *Sustainable Agriculture: A Christian Ethic of Gratitude* (Pilgrim Press, 2005).

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Susan Van Deventer Iverson MA '92 has joined the faculty of Kent State University (Ohio) as an assistant professor of higher education administration and student affairs. She recently received her doctoral degree in higher education leadership with a concentration in women's studies from the University of Maine. Her dissertation was titled "A Policy Discourse Analysis of US Land-Grant University Diversity Action Plans." • **Jonathan D. Schick** MEd '99 is president of The GOAL Project (<http://goalproject.com>), a national consulting firm for board and executive leadership of nonprofit and private schools, located in Dallas. Jonathan has founded two private schools, is an adjunct professor at the University of North Texas, and is a featured lecturer at the Center for Nonprofit Management in Dallas. He also holds rabbinic ordination from the Boston Rabbinical Seminary. • **Sr. Mary Peter Martin (Mary Louise Martin)** MEd '03, a member

of the Daughters of St. Paul, is now assigned to Toronto, Canada. • **Charles Nolan** PhD '88 has returned to Olin College in Needham as vice president for external affairs and dean of admission. He was founding dean of admission at Olin before becoming vice provost for enrollment management at Santa Clara University in California. He served as director of undergraduate admission at BC from 1980 to 1989.

WCAS

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The WCAS alumni reunion '06 was a great success. There were new faces as well as the faithful alumni from the Intown School. • **Kathleen Tully** '71 is a member of the Propavulus club and keeps busy in retirement. • It was great meeting **Kathy** '98, **Joan** '98, and **Bill Leonard** '99. Kathy worked at BC for 19 years and retired as an administrative secretary for Facilities Management in 2000. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu. Joan received an MA in education from Lesley University this year and teaches at the elementary level in the town of Medfield. She is the mother of two teenage children, Catherine and Timothy. Catherine hopes to attend the Connell School of Nursing. Bill is currently managing a branch of Centex Home Equity in Warwick, RI. He is married with three children, ages 4, 1-1/2, and 3 months. He hopes to obtain a master's at BC. Another family member, James '90, MA '98 (Irish studies), was not at the reunion. • Condolences are extended to the family of **Helen O'Toole** who died recently. Helen obtained a bachelor's and master's from BC and had taught special education in South Boston for 36 years. • **Francis** '54 and **Clare McLaughlin** MEd '73 were at the reunion. Their son Dave '95 is directing a movie called *On Broadway*, some filming for which was recently done in Roslindale. • Congratulations to **Ken Steele** '83, a senior financial planner and senior account executive with MetLife, who was awarded the national honor of "Financial Planner of the Year" for 2005 at MetLife's annual Financial Planning Symposium in Atlanta. Ken is a member of the Financial Planning Association, the Society of Financial Service Professionals, and the Boston Estate Planning Council.

OBITUARIES

1920S

Herbert G. Stokinger '28 of Milton on May 8, 2006. He was a retired director of athletics for Milton Academy.

1930S

Gerard G. Barry '34, MA '35 of Sarasota, FL, on March 22, 2006. A retired principal in the Wakefield Public Schools, he was a retired commander in the US Naval Reserves and the recipient of the Bronze Star.

Edward J. Booth '33, MEd '37 of Medford on April 25, 2006. He was a math professor at Northeastern University's School of Engineering.

Rev. Donald G. Clifford '39 of Cambridge on April 27, 2006. Ordained in 1943, he was a professor at St. Sebastian's School in Needham and a chaplain at St. Jeanne D'Arc Academy in Milton.

James B. Dolan Sr. '31 of Dorchester on April 22, 2006. A World War II Army veteran, he was a Boston Public Schools administrator.

Joseph J. Donovan '34 of Braintree on June 6, 2006. An optometrist with offices in South Boston, he was a member of the Neighborhood Club in Quincy.

Lawrence J. Fitzgerald '39, JD '47 of Wakefield on April 14, 2006. He was a World War II Army veteran and a longtime supporter of Boston College athletics.

Joseph P. Hartigan '38 of Wilton Manors, FL, on May 23, 2006.

Edward W. Keough JD '38 of Winthrop on June 5, 2006.

Frederick F. Lyons '30 of Milton on April 27, 2006. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Arthur J. McDevitt '37 of South Weymouth on April 11, 2006. He was a World War II Army veteran.

John W. McIntyre '30, JD '34 of Attleboro on May 22, 2006. He was an attorney who also served as a judge, an assistant district attorney, and the mayor of Attleboro.

Robert N. Mead '35, MA '37 of North Falmouth on May 7, 2006. He was a retired principal.

Frederick J. Molloy '39, MA '41 of Arlington on April 21, 2006. A World War II Navy vet-

eran, he was a former English teacher at Boston Latin.

John A. Petkus '39 of Sun City Center, FL, on April 18, 2006. He was a doctor in Shohola, PA.

1940S

David P. Birtwell '42 of Harwich Port on May 11, 2006. A Navy and Marine Air Force pilot during World War II, he was managing director for international accounts at IBM.

John F. Burke '43 of Natick on May 7, 2006. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Charles R. Cavanagh '44 of Spokane, WA, on May 6, 2006. He served in the Navy Reserve while in medical school and in the Air Force as chief of surgery at Fairchild Air Force Base. Later, he co-founded Spokane Surgical Group.

Yale H. Charbonneau '40 of Huron, SD, on March 26, 2006. During World War II, he served as a Medical Corps officer in the Army Air Corps. He practiced medicine in South Dakota from 1948 to 1974.

Arthur V. Cullen Jr. '40 of Sarasota, FL, on May 16, 2006. A bomber pilot during World War II, he later worked as a funeral director.

J. Frank Devine, SJ '47, MA '48 of Weston on March 24, 2006. Ordained in 1954, he was a member of the theology department at Boston College. He also taught at Fairfield University Prep and at St. Mary's College.

Thomas F. Gearin '49 of Bass River on April 17, 2006.

Paul Groom, CFX MA '49 of Danvers on May 12, 2006. He was a former teacher and missionary.

William J. Haggerty Jr. MA '48 of White Horse Beach on April 12, 2006. He was a retired Boston College professor and the father of four BC graduates.

Paul B. Hurley '40 of Buffalo, NY, on April 20, 2006. He was an industrial salesman.

Fred L. Jaquith '41 of Warwick, RI, on April 14, 2006. He was an Army Signal Corps veteran of World War II and a vice president at Providence Washington Insurance Company. He later opened a CPA practice.

James M. Kean '40, MEd '41, MA '47 of Brighton on April 21, 2006. A retired principal, he served on the parish school council at St. Columbkille Church.

Patrick J. Kelly JD '40 of Duxbury on May 5, 2006. He was a retired counsel for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

M. Juan Mahan, CSJ MA '49 of Weston on May 11, 2006. She was a professor of French and chair of the French department at Regis College.

Mary V. Fair McGowan MSW '45 of Waban on May 20, 2006. She was a retired medical social worker.

James P. Murray '41, JD '48 of Waban on May 17, 2006. A Triple Eagle, he was president emeritus of the Massachusetts Trial Lawyers Association and a World War II Army veteran.

James M. O'Brien, MM '43 of Ossining, NY, on April 27, 2006. He served as a Maryknoll priest in China and then worked among the poor in Peru.

Leo W. Roache '40, JD '50 of Lincoln on April 2, 2006. A Triple Eagle, he was a World War II veteran.

Paul J. Ryder '45 of Osterville on June 14, 2006.

Veto J. Stasunas '48, MS '50 of Keene, NH, on May 2, 2006. He played on Boston College's Orange Bowl team. A veteran of World War II, he was a longtime employee of General Foods.

Roy H. Upham '41, MS '48 of Hooksett, NH, on April 11, 2006. A US Army veteran of World War II, he was a professor of chemistry at St. Anselm's College.

1950S

Raymond Baskin '50 of Norwood on April 22, 2006. He was a US Navy veteran of World War II.

Richard M. Burns '59 of Arlington on May 13, 2006. He was a financial consultant and a US Army veteran.

William C. Casey '50 of Winchester on June 7, 2006.

Theodore E. Davis JD '53 of Denville, NJ, on April 27, 2006. A World War II Navy veteran of the Pacific Theater, he was a lawyer for the Internal Revenue Service.

John J. Diggins '57, CAES '67 of Hingham on April 24, 2006.

John J. Fitzgerald '51 of Quincy on April 8, 2006. A World War II veteran, he worked at Raytheon as an engineer and was a Eu-

charistic Minister at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dorilda Flynn, SSA MEd '51 of Marlborough on March 23, 2006.

Owen J. Gaffney '57 of East Sandwich on April 13, 2006. He was a corporate vice president at Polaroid Corporation and received the Marian Award from the Bishop of Fall River for service to his church.

Mary Jane Foran Greene MSW '52 of Tucson, AZ, on May 4, 2006. A member of the Women's Army Corps during World War II, she was a social worker with Catholic Social Services in Tucson and taught at the University of Arizona.

David M. Guinee '56 of Decatur, GA, on April 7, 2006. He was the publisher of two trade food newspapers.

Mary Jane Halley NC '57 of Lackawaxen, PA, on April 3, 2006.

Robert L. Harhen '53 of Boxford on April 11, 2006. He served in the US Coast Guard and had a long career in sales and marketing management.

James S. Harrington '58 of Sun City Center, FL, on June 12, 2006. He served in the US Army during the Korean War.

Edward J. Hegarty '57 of Carmino, CA, on April 29, 2006. He served as a lieutenant (jg) and legal officer in the Navy, stationed in San Diego. He later practiced transportation law in San Francisco.

Mary Kevin Hollow, SCL '51, MEd '52 of Leavenworth, KS, on April 29, 2006. She taught in elementary schools in Kansas, Colorado, and Montana and later served as a professor and department chair at the University of St. Mary in Kansas.

Joseph C. Jameson '50 of Fresno, CA, on May 4, 2006. A World War II Air Force veteran, he was a retired teacher.

John F. Kain '50 of Marblehead on April 18, 2006. He was a World War II Navy veteran who served in the South Pacific. He worked as an engineer at General Electric.

James X. Kenneally '52 of Medford on March 29, 2006. A veteran of the Korean War, he was an active member of the BC Alumni Association, Suffolk Law School Alumni Association, and the Catholic Alumni Sodality.

Philip G. Krim '51 of Los Angeles, CA, on April 12, 2006. He worked in Los Angeles as a producer of television advertisements for more than 50 years.

Leo G. Lally '52 of Longmeadow on April 15, 2006. He served with the military police during the Korean War and later pursued graduate studies in organic chemistry at Harvard University. He retired as director of international operations from Hamilton

Sundstrand in Windsor Locks, CT.

Ethel Lutian (Sr. Mary Mercedes) '55 of Bridgeport, CT, on April 3, 2006. A former sister of Notre Dame, she taught at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Roxbury. Later, she was principal of St. Alphonsus School and St. Matthias School in Brooklyn, NY.

Eugene D. Mahoney '57 of South Yarmouth on April 5, 2006. A US Navy veteran, he worked for the National Security Agency in Washington and later as a stockbroker.

Jacqueline P. Mauriello '59 of Poughkeepsie, NY, on February 19, 2006.

Thomas J. McCarthy Jr. '54, JD '61 of Maynard and Palm City, FL, on April 11, 2006. A US Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a manufacturing executive at the Gillette Company. He later opened a private law practice.

Margaret Melville, SND MEd '58 of Ipswich on April 17, 2006. She taught in Notre Dame schools in Hudson, Roxbury, Worcester, Tyngsboro, and Peabody.

Paul F. Moloney '55 of Salem on May 8, 2006. He was a retired sales representative.

William M. Murphy Jr. '50 of Annandale, VA, on March 16, 2006. He was a retired captain in the US Armed Services.

Hugh L. O'Brien JD '50 of Hyde Park on April 4, 2006. A practicing attorney for 40 years, he was a former special agent with the FBI and an ensign in the US Navy.

John J. O'Leary '50 of Portland, ME, on April 14, 2006. A US Army veteran, he worked at Procter & Gamble for 39 years.

Helen M. O'Toole '54 of Braintree on April 28, 2006.

Carmine Pallotta '50, MA '51 of North Andover on April 1, 2006. He was a World War II Army veteran.

Jacqueline M. Starr '59, MA '66 of North Reading on April 14, 2006. The former co-chair of the English department at Malden High School, she also taught psychology and was the faculty advisor to the school's National Honor Society.

Robert P. Sullivan '53, JD '58 of Chelmsford on April 10, 2006. He was a retired lawyer.

Thomas J. Sullivan Jr. '56 of Guilford, CT, on April 16, 2006. An English teacher and basketball coach, he led the Guilford High School basketball team to the state championship finals twice. He was the founding president of the Greater New Haven State Technical College and served two terms in the Connecticut State Senate.

Jody Underwood Taffe '54 of Haverhill on April 22, 2006. She was a nurse and worked at hospitals in Worcester; Baltimore, MD; and Hartford, CT.

Doris Clark Tape '57 of Winthrop on June 16, 2006.

1960s

Catherine Aiken, SND MEd '60 of Ipswich on June 23, 2006. She served in Lowell; Beverly; Chicopee; Lawrence; Dorchester; Worcester; Providence, RI; and Japan.

Jeannette M. Akerstrom '65 of Norton on May 14, 2006. She was a probation officer.

Joanne Piazza Berry MSW '61 of Wrentham on May 14, 2006.

Mary Joachim Boland, CSJ MEd '61 of Framingham on April 6, 2006. A member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, she was a teacher and guidance counselor.

Judith Albers Boufford NC '63 of Arlington, VA, on April 6, 2006.

Mary I. Costello Cedrone '63, MA '82 of Marshfield on March 28, 2006.

Daniel J. Coppinger '66 of Boston on May 29, 2006.

Vito F. Costanzo JD '63 of Los Angeles, CA, on April 20, 2006.

James M. Cotter '64 of Bel Air, MD, on May 6, 2006. He founded two clinical research companies after working in the pharmaceutical industry. He was director of clinical research at Maine Medical Center in Portland, ME, and head of clinical research at Parexel Corporation in Baltimore, MD.

Maureen Tierney Crowley '68 of Bridgeport, CT, on April 15, 2006. She was a geriatrics nurse for the Bridgeport Health Department.

Maurice F. Cunningham '61 of Bonita Springs, FL, on May 6, 2006. A teacher and vice principal at Saugus Junior High School, he also served as a former chairman of the Saugus Board of Selectmen and was a former Saugus town manager.

Mary C. Decotis MSW '62 of Watervliet, NY, on April 18, 2006. She was a social worker for Catholic Charities in Albany.

William P. Finn '64 of Somerville on June 14, 2006. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a senior auditor in the Massachusetts Department of Education and a charter member of the Somerville City Club.

Helen Troendle Greenhalgh '61 of Providence, RI, on March 19, 2006. She was a private-duty registered nurse and a district nurse for the state of Rhode Island.

Rose M. Gross MSW '60 of South Wellfleet on April 15, 2006. A social worker in Hartford, CT, and Norristown, PA, she later worked at Elder Services on Cape Cod.

Joseph D. Hamel '62 of Dallas, TX, on April

1970S

18, 2006. He worked at Allstate Insurance. **Edwin J. Hanke** '69 of Allendale, NJ, on April 13, 2006. He retired as president of Empire Avionics.

Richard L. Healy '61 of Marion on April 8, 2006.

Charles F. Kaye JD '61 of Littleton on May 19, 2006. He was president and chairman of Trinity Trading in Boston.

Margaret Schmidt Keefe '63 of Winchester on April 1, 2006.

Frederick E. Lynch '64 of Arlington on May 15, 2006. He was an employment office manager for the Massachusetts Division of Employment Training.

Dona Marie Macdonald MEd '68 of Seattle, WA, on March 26, 2006. She worked in student affairs at Seattle University, where she founded a child-care center and served on the YWCA board of directors.

Dennis J. McBride '69 of Milwaukee, WI, on March 27, 1991.

John E. McDonough '64, MBA '74 of Norwood on April 18, 2006. A US Army veteran, he worked at the US Government Accountability Office in Boston.

Sheila McIntyre-Bradley NC '68 of Newton Center on June 14, 2006. She was a nurse at Newton Wellesley Hospital.

Bernard O'Shaughnessy '63 of Reading on April 17, 2006. A lawyer, he worked for Massachusetts' affordable housing unit.

William J. Quinn III '68 of Dover on April 18, 2006.

William M. Roberts '66 of East Orleans on March 29, 2006. He ended his long career in publishing as president and CEO of Brooks Cole Publishers in Monterey, CA.

Stephen C. Russo '61 of Medford on June 16, 2006. A US Navy veteran, he was a retired Medford High School teacher.

Bill Schmidt MA '66 of West Roxbury on June 25, 2006. He was a professor of organizational development at the University of California at Berkeley, John F. Kennedy University, and the University of Connecticut.

Thomas L. Senger '69 of Hoboken, NJ, on February 23, 2006. He was an accountant with the New York City Board of Education.

Patricia Kenny Seremet NC '69 of West Hartford, CT, on May 20, 2006. A reporter for the *Hartford Courant*, she wrote the social column "Java."

Joan Tuberosa Wagstaff '60 of Wellesley on May 25, 2006. She was a substitute teacher in the Wellesley Public Schools.

Thomas J. Wilson '66 of Scarborough, ME, on June 9, 2006. He was most recently employed by Oppenheimer Funds.

Edna B. Wordsworth MEd '61 of Silver Spring, MD, on December 6, 2001.

1980S

William Arnold Brandt '89 of Seattle, WA, on May 26, 2006.

Lois B. Follansbee MS '86 of Sammamish, WA, on April 14, 2006. She was a pediatric nurse practitioner.

Alan H. Freedman '81 of Needham on May 6, 2006. He was the head of his own insurance agency in Randolph.

Marguerite Julie Keefe MEd '85 of Walpole on May 30, 2006.

Deborah A. Leonard '81 of Westwood on April 17, 2006.

Bruce Merrifield HON '84 of Creskill, NJ, on May 14, 2006. He won the 1984 Nobel Prize for chemistry and was a retired Rockefeller University chemist.

Susan Perry Nittler '82 of Orinda, CA, on April 9, 2006. She worked for Charles Schwab & Co.

Patricia M. Phelan '84 of Londonderry, NH, on March 28, 2006.

James S. Rourke '80 of Lafayette, CA, on March 28, 2006.

1990S

Catherine F. Bransfield '92 of Brandon, VT, on April 12, 2006. She worked at Arthur D. Little in Cambridge and was a volunteer at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Charlotte Macy Savory CAES '92 of Sharon on May 18, 2006. She was a retired teacher.

2000S

James M. Fallon '06 of Marshfield on April 22, 2006.

FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

- **William Haggerty**, member of the philosophy faculty from 1946 to 1986, on April 12, 2006, at age 86.

The obituary section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. The section includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information to: Office of University Advancement, More Hall, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

ADVANCEMENT

INVESTING IN BOSTON COLLEGE'S FUTURE

BRAIN TRUST

When he was diagnosed in 1997 with a benign brain tumor, Steven Haley faced fear, uncertainty, surgery, and then the long road to recovery. During his treatment at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Haley and his wife, Boston College Trustee Kathleen Powers Haley '76, soon discovered that it was the hospital's nurses on whom they relied the most. "They're the ones who reflect the true face of a hospital," says Steven.

Following Steven's recovery, the Haleys dedicated themselves to advancing the understanding of brain tumor causes and cures. To encourage talented nurses to pursue advanced degrees in neuroscience nursing at Boston College, they established the Haley Family Fellowship at the Connell School of Nursing. Preference for the fellowships goes to practicing clinical nurses at



Kathleen Powers Haley '76 and Steven Haley

TOM FITZSIMMONS
value system, not just an academic system."

The Haley fellowships have also helped to create a new synergy between two leading Boston institutions—BC and Brigham and Women's Hospital—that had long been looking for a systematic way of working together. "We're very pleased that the fellowship dovetails not only with our goals but with the goals of two institutions whose leaders we both admire," says Steven, who is a trustee of Brigham and Women's.

Recalling her days as one of the first women to attend BC's College of Arts & Sciences, Kathy says, "Going to BC made a big difference in my own life—the friends I made, the education I received, and the start I got in the working world. I'm so glad that I can help other students get the same opportunities."

Brigham and Women's Hospital and its affiliates.

"We hope that this fellowship provides an incentive for the best nurses to come to

Boston College," says Kathy.

Steven adds, "BC provides a much more comprehensive curriculum than other schools. It stands out because it has a core

FELLOWSHIP BALANCES EQUATION FOR NEW CAREER

In studying management and finance at Boston College's Carroll School of Management, MBA student Peter Finch has returned to his roots. Set to major in math when he arrived at MIT as an undergraduate 16 years ago, Finch became distracted by the lure of the dot-com world. "At that time," he recalls, "all of the smart people I knew were getting into technology." Finch jumped on the bandwagon and earned bachelor's and master of engineering degrees, both in electrical engineering and computer science, from MIT.

After five years working in

the high-tech world designing large computer systems for Sun Microsystems, the Newfoundland native found that he missed math. Interested in making the leap from high tech to quantitative finance, Finch determined that an MBA was the logical next step. The Carroll School offered him the chance to earn a dual degree—in business administration and finance. "BC has a tremendous finance department," says Finch, "and I knew I also needed a solid understanding of management in order to transition into a new field." When BC offered him the Michael F. Price Fellowship,

which supports the Wall Street Executive Fellowship program at the Carroll School, the deal was sealed.

"I've learned so much from my classmates and professors. I really appreciate the diversity of the environment," says Finch of his three years at BC. "I know what a tough, good academic program is like. BC lived up to that standard."

Finch is now in a position he could only dream of a few years ago: deciding among offers from hedge fund firms. He knew that giving up engineering for finance was risky: "My previous experience didn't nec-



PETER WAYNE GILBERT
Peter Finch, MBA '06

essarily translate," he observes. "It was a gamble, but it has worked out extremely well."



Carmel Shields
Class of 1981, College of Arts & Sciences
Executive Vice President, Shields MR
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

FAVORITE MEMORY OF COLLEGE?

I transferred to BC at the start of my junior year, and my first day on campus was very memorable. Coming from a much smaller school, I thought BC seemed so large, but on that first day, I actually ran into a girl I recognized from the third grade! And at a class cookout, I met a classmate whose family was extremely close friends with my extended family from the Detroit area. She is still one of my best friends today. With BC, it seems that there are never six degrees of separation—it's more like six degrees of connection.

I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO BC FOR . . .

The foundation it provides in terms of personal, spiritual, and intellectual growth. The college experience at BC is unique because it offers a spiritual dimension to life and learning that you can come to rely on later in life when faced with choices, opportunities, and challenges. I'm also grateful that my BC experience inspired me to continue [my education] and pursue master's and law degrees. BC instilled in me a love of learning that has never left.

Visit www.bc.edu/friends/shields for more of Carmel Shields's story.

DID YOU KNOW... .

Over the past four years, the percentage of BC students receiving financial aid has remained steady, but the amount of the average aid package has increased by 45 percent. In academic year 2004–05, the most recent year for which information is available, and when tuition and fees totaled \$39,651:



The amount of the average need-based financial aid package for undergraduates was \$27,292.



Seventy percent of BC's undergraduates received some form of financial aid.



BC provided a total of \$66.2 million in scholarships and grants for undergraduates.



The amount of aid that BC provided increased 6.6 percent over the previous year's total. The increase over the previous four years was 34 percent. The increase in aid from federal sources during the same time period was half as much.

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TEST DRIVEN

by Chris Berdik

Mistakes happen

Add rainy test days to the list of things that can give SAT takers sweaty palms. The College Board says humidity warped more than 4,400 answer sheets from the October 2005 SAT, skewing scores, some by nearly 400 points. But weather aside, faulty scores are no fluke in the testing industry, where errors are proliferating, according to researchers at BC's Center for the Study of Testing, Evaluation, and Education Policy. In "Errors in Standardized Tests: A Systemic Problem," released in May 2003 (data is currently being collected for an update), Kathleen Rhoades, a research associate, and George Madaus, a professor at the Lynch School of Education, described the standardized testing industry as "shrouded in secrecy" and stretched thin.

In their initial study, Rhoades and Madaus counted 103 publicized errors on state and national standardized tests between 1976 and early 2003. More than two-thirds occurred in the final four years of the study. In 1999, for instance, a programming error that lowered the lowest scores and raised the highest scores in a test by CTB McGraw Hill caused 8,668 New York City students to be required to attend summer school unnecessarily; in 2000 in Minnesota, 50 high school seniors were denied diplomas owing to scoring errors in a National Computer Systems math test, passage of which was required by the state for graduation. Prospective

lawyers have failed the New York Bar Exam, public schools in Florida have seen their funding cut, and teaching candidates have been denied licenses owing to testing errors. The mistakes can vary—a mis-keyed answer (on a math exam in Arizona), inconsistent scoring (on a Maryland writing test), questions that appear more than once (on the SAT), or poorly framed math problems.

The researchers attribute the surge in errors to the increased demand for high-stakes testing. In particular, under the 2002 federal No Child Left Behind legislation, every state must institute a standardized testing program and show annual progress in overall scores. The resulting growth in testing has been enormous. In Massachusetts alone, six required tests have been added in response to the federal law, according to Kit Viator, director of student assessment for the Massachusetts Department of Educa-

tion, and 10 million student responses must be scored every year.

With school funding and individual advancement hanging in the balance, new test items must be developed and piloted each year, involving new "norming" groups (in which students should not be too high achieving) and new cut scores (calibrated to enable year-to-year comparisons). Educators administer the tests as late in the school year as possible and then require fast turnarounds from the testing companies so graduations and promotions can be set before school ends; states can fine companies for late results. Meanwhile,

says Rhoades, the competition for large state contracts pushes testing companies into cost-cutting measures, stinting on permanent staff, for example, despite increasingly heavy workloads.

Rhoades and Madaus suspect the error rate is rising but say no systematic review has been possible. "No one is allowed to even examine [the tests] in most states," says Rhoades. Some errors have come to light only through court orders, sought by aggrieved test takers or parents. The researchers argue for oversight of the industry by a federal or other outside agency with power to enforce quality controls. This has few backers in the business. Stuart Kahl is cofounder, president, and CEO of New Hampshire-based Measured Progress, which last year began a five-year, \$118 million contract to administer the Massa-

chusetts MCAS tests, in addition to its contracts with about 20 other states. According to Kahl, an outside auditor would be "amazed" at the quality controls in place at his company—from the prescreening of test items for bias to running mock data through scoring software to redundant analyses by staff teams and specialists at UMass-Boston. "And yet errors still happen," he says. "It's still a human process."

Rhoades and Madaus don't expect oversight to fully eliminate testing errors, but they say industry self-regulation can't work when the stakes are so high and the competition so fierce. They will continue updating their inventory of testing errors, because, says Rhoades, "no one else is doing this and it needs to be done." ■

Chris Berdik is a writer based in Boston.





Menagerie

by Katie Bacon

Zoo director Jack Mulvena '83

From his office, Jack Mulvena doesn't have a view of any of the 150 or so species that populate Rhode Island's Roger Williams Park Zoo, which he has led for the past four years. He looks out on cars zooming past on I-95. "My job is to manage the outside world," he says.

Mulvena, who grew up in Delaware, spent seven years with the United Way in Providence before moving in 1993 to become the director of the Rhode Island Zoological Society, a nonprofit organization formed to support the zoo. Last summer, the society took over management of the zoo for the City of Providence; since 2002 Mulvena has headed both entities. Fundraising is a major part of the job (there are plans for \$30 million in physical improvements over the next five years), as is defining the zoo's strategic priorities (should the zoo create a big-draw tiger exhibit, for example, or concentrate on upgrading the homes of its current animals?). As often as he can, Mulvena wanders through the zoo itself, watching children measure their jumps against a sign marking the snow leopard's leap, or taking in the acrobatics of the white-cheeked gibbons at the Australasia exhibit.

When the zoo, the third oldest in the country, was founded in 1872, its single

purpose was to show exotic animals. These days it's known for its international conservation efforts—including a research and education project in Papua New Guinea aimed at protecting the habitat of tree kangaroos—and for newer, local undertakings. The zoo has established a breeding program for the dwindling American burying beetle, now found mainly on Block Island; and, in collaboration with the University of Rhode Island, it is using zoo wetlands to test ways to eradicate the invasive, habitat-destroying purple loosestrife plant.

In 2005, Mulvena decided to close the zoo's 3,000-square-foot polar bear residence; with the bears housed temporarily at other zoos, a new 18,000-square-foot habitat offering saltwater streams, underwater swimming, and tundra is under construction. It will be the centerpiece of a North American trail, where visitors will wander past snowy owl, arctic fox, bald eagle, red wolf, bison, and pronghorn antelope, while learning about the consequences of global warming and the revival of endangered species. The zoo's job, says Mulvena, is to "build a collection that has the wow factor but that also balances and tells these stories."

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